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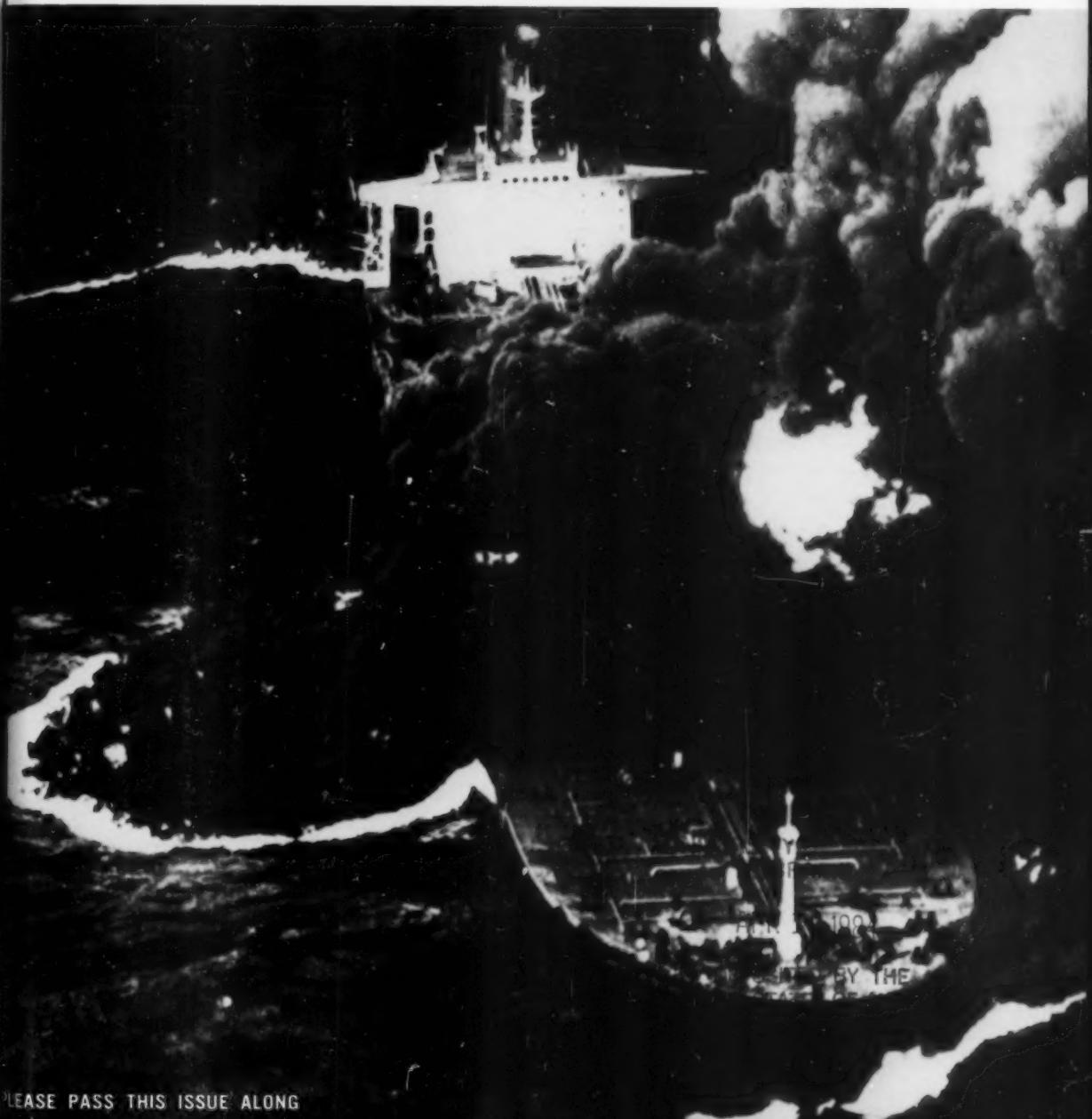
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SATELLITE INDICATORS OF RAPID CYCLOGENESIS

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On November 13 and 14, 1981, a weak surface LOW west of California deepened very rapidly. The 24 hr surface prognosis was off by approximately 50 mb.

GOES West satellite imagery, visible, infrared and water vapor, taken before and during the rapid deepening, gave clear indications that there would be relatively rapid cyclogenesis. The cloud patterns associated with this development show the importance of the "baroclinic leaf" pattern (Weldon (1977)).

Sudden, rapidly developing, deep surface LOWs are potentially dangerous to mariners. On November 13, 1981, a weak LOW west of California deepened around 50 mb in 24 hr and moved rapidly toward the U.S. West Coast. The National Weather Service's computer prognostic package for this period did not catch the development and the 24 hr surface forecast for 0000 on the 14th was in error by approximately 50 mb.

Examination of the GOES satellite pictures taken before and during the early stages of deepening gave clues that there would be rapid cyclogenesis. The following pages, will show the synoptic situation and the satellite imagery that goes with the analyses, and will point out the distinctive cloud patterns that go with rapid cyclogenesis.

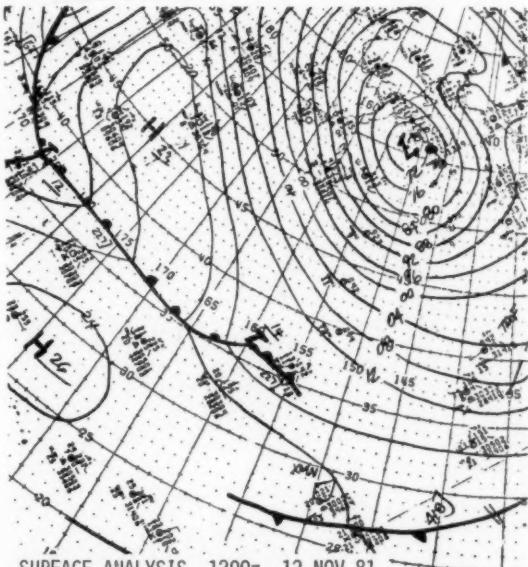


Figure 1.—Surface Analysis, 1200 November 12, 1981.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION AND SATELLITE IMAGERY

The synoptic situation at 1200 did not appear to pose the threat of a major storm off the west coast within the next 36 hr. There was a deep surface LOW near 36°N, 160°W, (fig. 1), with a weak wave near 36°N, 160°W, on an old frontal boundary. Aloft, at 250 mb, there was a very strong jet stream, (fig. 2), with winds as high

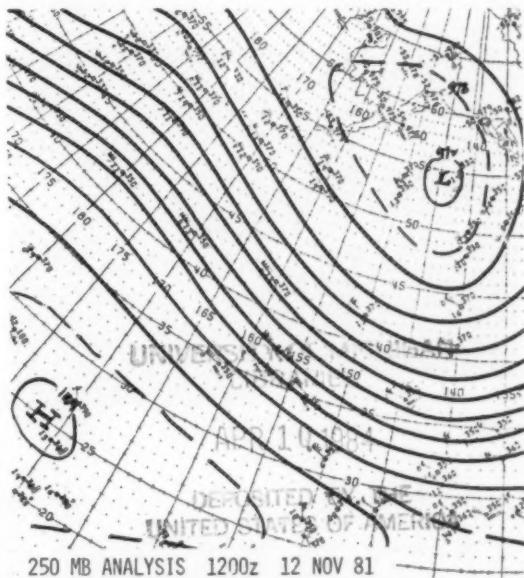


Figure 2.—250 mb Analysis, 1200 November 12, 1981.



Figure 3.—IR Image, 1345 November 12, 1981.
Dashed Line 250-mb jet position.

as 160 kn near 42°N, 170°W. The strong flow aloft from the west-northwest had generally cyclonic curvature.

The GOES satellite infrared image for 1345, November 12, 1981 (fig. 3), shows an anticyclonic band of cold clouds from around 40°N, 170°W to 35°N, 145°W. This band of clouds has a sharp northern edge. The southern edge is somewhat ragged and apparently there is a deck of middle cloud south of the band from 160° to 170°W. The cold cloud band will gradually assume the shape of a leaf in subsequent images.

Although jet streams are frequently oriented parallel to cirrus bands, in the satellite signature for rapid cyclogenesis described here the northern edge of the high clouds is curved anticyclonically while the jet stream has cyclonic curvature.

The infrared image 4 hr later, 1745, November 12, 1981 (fig. 4), shows the area of high cloud increasing in width and beginning to assume a leaf shape between 37°N, 143°W and 38°N, 155°W.

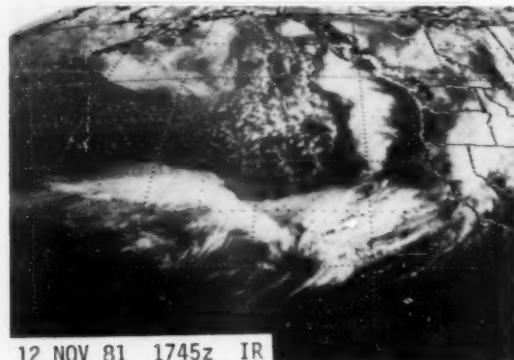


Figure 4.--IR Image, 1745 November 12, 1981.



Figure 5.--Baroclinic Leaf Model.

Figure 5 shows an idealized model of the "baroclinic leaf," (Weldon 1977). The "leaf" ideally has a sharp, well defined, northern edge with a somewhat more ragged southern edge. The formation is comprised of highly reflective cold clouds. The leading and trailing edges may be somewhat less well defined and may be warmer in

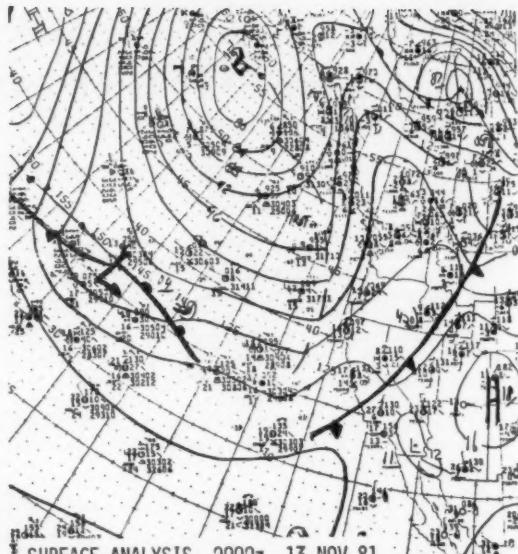


Figure 6.--Surface Analysis, 0000 November 13, 1981.

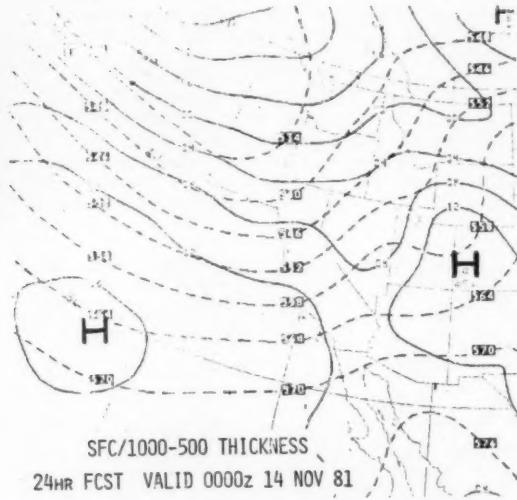
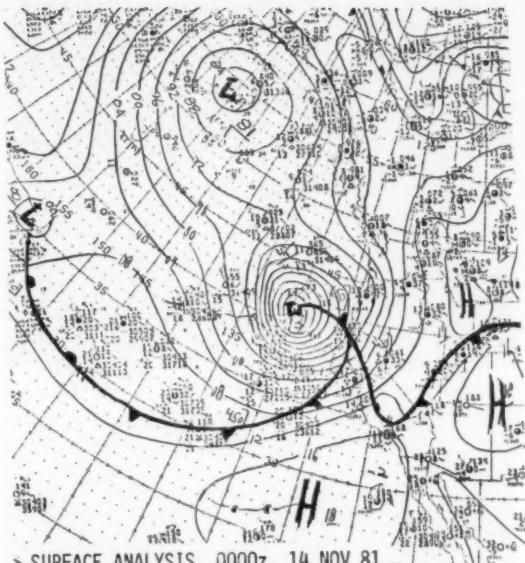


Figure 7.--24 Hr Surface Prognostic Chart for 0000 November 14, 1981.

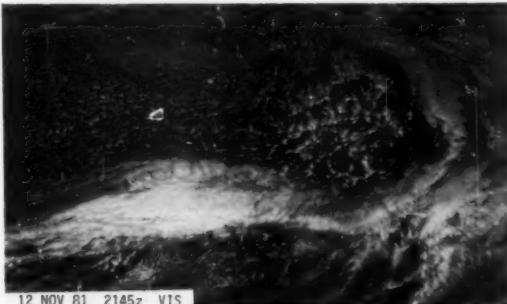
the infrared imagery. A very important feature is that the upper-level jet axis passes over the rear portion of the leaf. When the leaf overtakes an existing frontal system, especially one with a wave on the front, rapid cyclogenesis often occurs. An excellent example of such rapid development is seen in the subsequent imagery shown here.

The weak surface wave seen in figure 1 has moved rapidly eastward and in figure 6 at 0000 November 13, 1981, is located near 37°N, 147°W. The surface pressure has dropped 10 mb and is now 1004. The deep surface LOW to the north has



SURFACE ANALYSIS 0000z 14 NOV 81

Figure 8.--Verification chart for figure 7,
Surface Analysis for 0000 November 14, 1981.

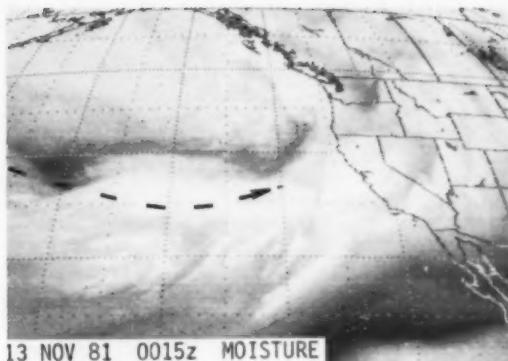


12 NOV 81 2145z VIS



12 NOV 81 2115z IR

Figure 10.--IR image, 2115 November 12, 1981.



13 NOV 81 0015z MOISTURE

Figure 11.--Water Vapor Channel image, 0015 November 13, 1981. Dashed Line 250-mb jet position.

changed little in 12 hr. The large area of cyclonic surface flow extends all the way south to 25°N.

The 24 hr Limited Fine Mesh (LFM) surface prognostic chart from the National Meteorological Center (NMC) for 0000 November 14, 1981 (fig. 7) shows no sign of a LOW off the West Coast. The forecast surface pressure for the area of 40°N, 130°W is 1007 mb.

The verifying analysis at 0000 November 14, 1981 (fig. 8) shows a deep LOW with surface pressure near 956 mb. The development of a LOW this deep is not usually missed by the generally excellent NMC forecasts. However, over oceanic areas with no upper air data, systems can start to develop undetected by conventional data. The subsequent pictures will show that the satellite imagery did detect the development.

The visible image for 2145, November 12, 1981 (fig. 9) shows a bright leaf-shaped cloud area of thick clouds over the frontal wave and LOW. The infrared image for 2115 (fig. 10) again shows the baroclinic leaf to be a very cold area of thick multilayered clouds.

A new type of satellite image is shown in Figure 11. This is an image from the 6.7 micrometer moisture channel. Shown is the picture from 0015 November 13, 1981. This satellite sensor is most responsive to moisture in the 20,000 to 30,000 ft altitude range, (Anderson, Gurka and Steinmetz, 1982), but such images give a good indication of the synoptic-scale distribution of moisture. The lighter the shade in the image, the more high-level moisture is present. Again the baroclinic leaf shows up very clearly. Figure 12 is the IR image for 0045 on November 13, 1981. Note how the very bright areas on the moisture charts generally show up as bright areas (low temperatures) on the IR image. In Figure 12 the "leaf" has changed shape. It is now shorter and thicker and there are some indications of the northwest edge beginning to show an inflection point. The 0345 IR image (fig. 13) shows a radical change in the shape of the "baroclinic leaf." A band of clouds has begun to



Figure 12.--IR image, 0045 November 13, 1981.
Dashed Line 250-mb jet position.

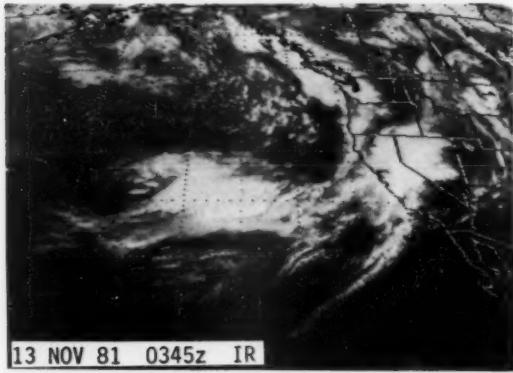


Figure 13.--IR image, 0345 November 13, 1981.



Figure 14.--IR image, 0715 November 13, 1981.

hook around to the northwest and the cloud mass is beginning to show a "comma" configuration. The rapid change from the "leaf" to "comma" configuration is characteristic of rapid cyclogenesis.

The 0715 IR image (fig. 14) shows continuation of the change in configuration from a leaf to a comma cloud formation. The rate of change here appears to have slowed somewhat. The bright hard edged clouds at "C" are cumulonimbus. By 1145 (fig. 15) the IR image shows a well developed



Figure 15.--IR image, 1145 November 13, 1981.
Dashed Line 250-mb jet position.

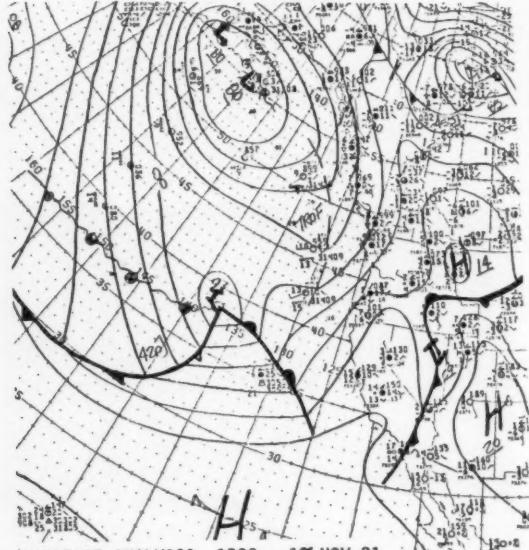


Figure 16.--Surface Analysis, 1200 November 13, 1981.

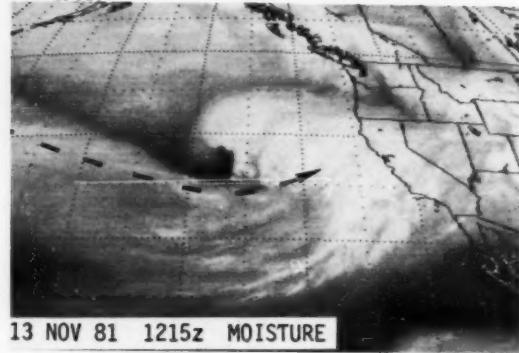
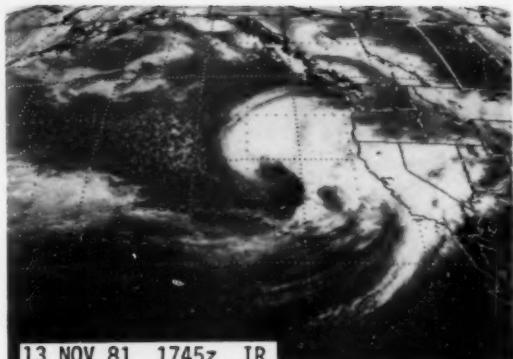
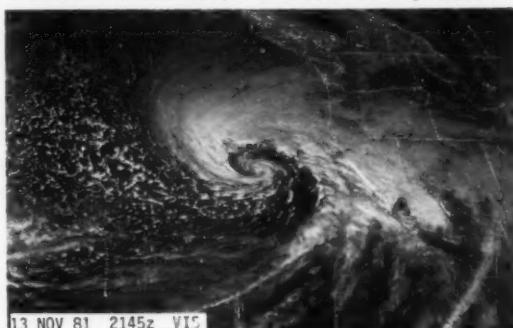


Figure 17.--Water Vapor Channel image, 1215 November 13, 1981. Dashed Line 250-mb jet position.



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Figure 18.--IR image, 1745 November 13, 1981.



13 NOV 81 2145z VIS

Figure 19.--Visible image, 2145 November 13, 1981.

comma. No trace of the "leaf" is left. The surface chart for 1200 (fig. 16) shows a 993 mb surface low at 39°N, 138°W. The LOW was most probably located from the satellite imagery as ship reports are sparse. It is quite likely, from the appearance of the well developed comma in figure 15, that the surface low is deeper than the analyzed value. A lower surface pressure would fit better with the pressure value 12 hr later. The moisture channel image for 1215 on the 13th (fig. 17) shows the comma cloud configuration with a dark area below the head of the comma. This indicates an area of dry sinking air, again an indication of rapid cyclogenesis. Six hours later, the IR image for 1745 (fig. 18) shows that the head of the comma has wrapped around in a spiral. This is an indication of a deep LOW. In the visible image for 2145 (fig. 19) there is a spiral band wrapping around the LOW center. This is characteristic of a tight circulation with strong winds close to the LOW's center. The surface analysis for 0000 November 14, 1981 (fig. 20) shows a 956-mb LOW at 41°N, 130°W. The moisture channel image (fig. 21) for 0015 on the 14th and the IR image (fig. 22) for 0045, show the spiral structure of the clouds around the LOW. The moisture image shows a pronounced dark area spiraling around the LOW, indication of subsidence and dry air. Both the IR and moisture images put the surface low center near 41°N 129°W, in excellent agreement with the conventional surface analysis.

SUMMARY

The 24 hr surface prognostic chart valid at 0000, November 14, 1981, (fig. 17) shows a sur-

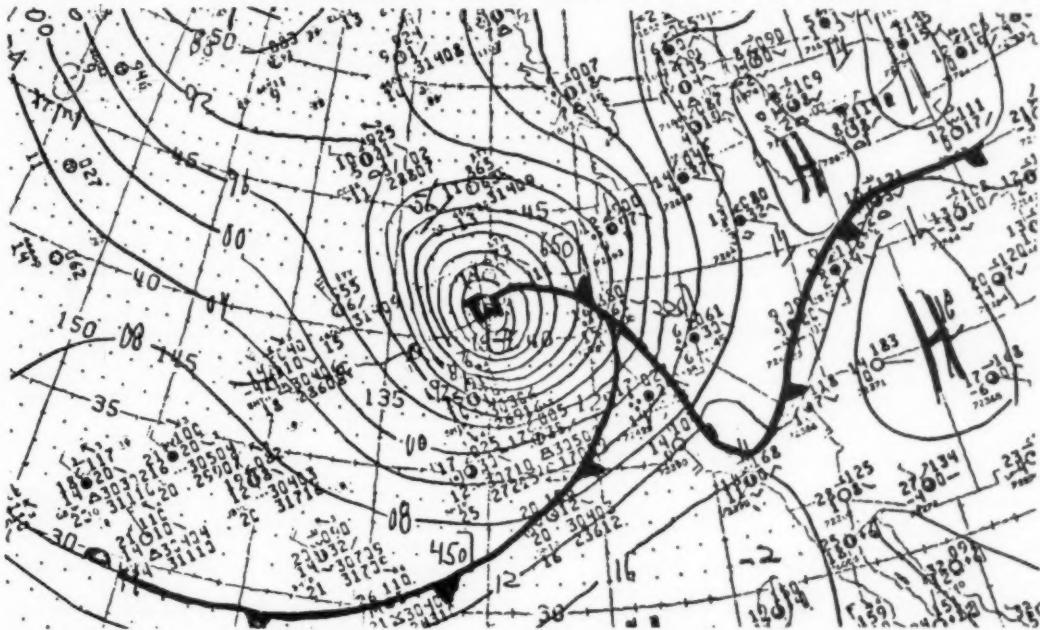
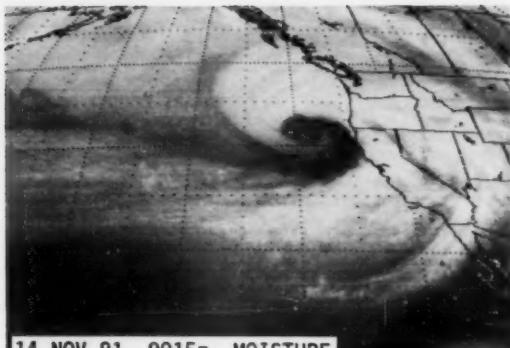


Figure 20.--Surface Analysis, 0000 November 14, 1981.

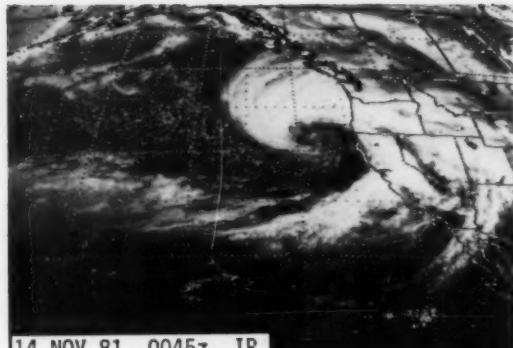


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Figure 21.--Water Vapor Channel image, 0015 November 14, 1981.

face pressure of 1006 mb at 41°N, 130°W. This was an error of 50 mb. Some reported winds exceeded hurricane force.

Examination of the satellite images late on the 12th and early on the 13th showed the "baroclinic leaf" and its evolution into a comma cloud. This is a reliable indicator that strong surface cyclogenesis is taking place. Thus, satellite images thus can be useful in evaluating prognostic charts. In this case the satellite images would have shown the strong possibility of rapid deepening of the surface LOW.



14 NOV 81 0045z IR

Figure 22.--IR image, 0045 November 14, 1981.

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WARM CORE CYCLONES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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Although most of the cyclogenesis occurring in the Mediterranean is primarily caused by the lee effect of mountains, I wish to call your attention to small cyclones looking strangely like tropical storms and developing from time to time over the Mediterranean Sea. In such cases, the main cause is not the lee effect but, in my opinion, the relatively high sea temperature and, more precisely the resulting strong convection.

On current synoptic maps, this kind of phenomenon too often passes unnoticed, owing to its limited horizontal size (about one geographical degree) and to the insufficient density of ship observations.

Fortunately we have at our disposal satellite pictures which are valuable instruments to detect these cyclones and to watch their movements. But, if we want to forecast them we must deal with serious difficulties as numerical models are, up to now, not prepared to cope with such phenomena. There is a problem of mesh size and also a problem of taking very precisely the convection and water evaporation into account.

I think the study of these depressions to be of double interest:

- o first, because the phenomenon leads to characteristic storms and heavy precipitation which are not to be neglected. However unusual they may be they must not be ignored. They deserve attention and their forecast must be improved.
- o then, they may be a valid means for testing the validity of fine mesh models and for fitting parameters.

Let us recall the main features of these cyclones:

- o first, a warm core with an "eye" of clear air surrounded with a circular wall of cumulonimbus.
- o second, a band of strong winds close to the eye.
- o third, the low-pressure system is deepest at sea level and fills gradually at upper levels.

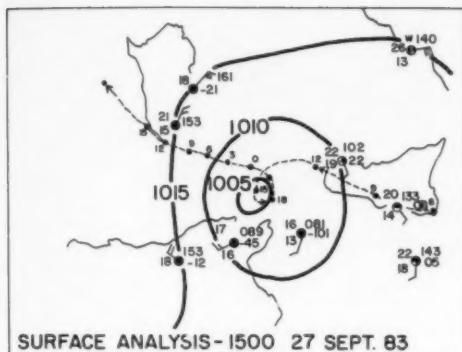


Figure 23.-- Surface analysis, 1500 September 27, 1983.

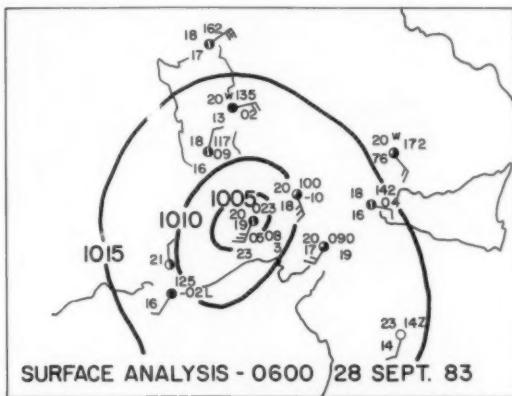


Figure 24.-- Surface analysis, 0600 September 28, 1983.

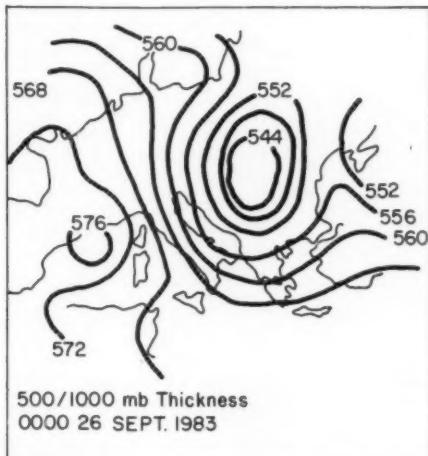


Figure 25.-- Thickness analysis, 500/1000 mb, 0000 September 26, 1983

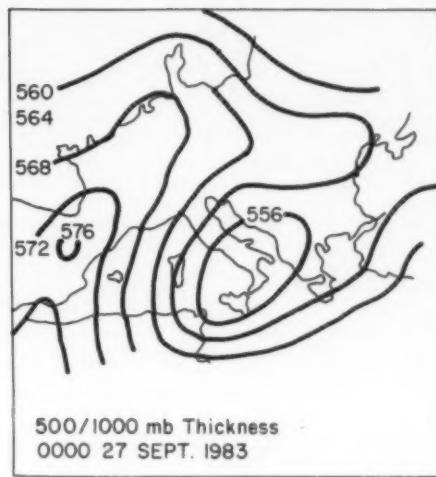


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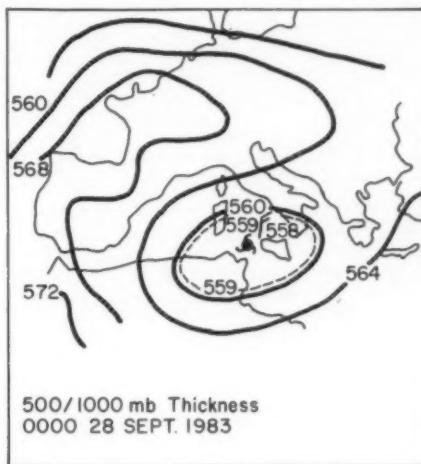


Figure 27.-- Thickness analysis, 500/1000 mb, 0000 September 28, 1983.

Recently, such a warm core cyclone circulated over the western Mediterranean. The phenomenon started on September 27, 1983 between Sicily and northern Tunisia (fig. 23) in connection with the arrival less than 24 hr earlier of cold air from central Europe. This cold air mass was directed to the southwest towards the very warm waters (23° to 25°C) of the Mediterranean by a very strong anticyclone developing over France (fig. 25 to 28). I remember that on the morning of the 26th, I said to the forecaster that a warm core cyclone could form within 2 days, with the probability of this event being around 20 percent in my opinion. The satellite picture at 1800 U.T. of September 27 showed a definite vortex 60 mi to the northeast of Tunis. Early

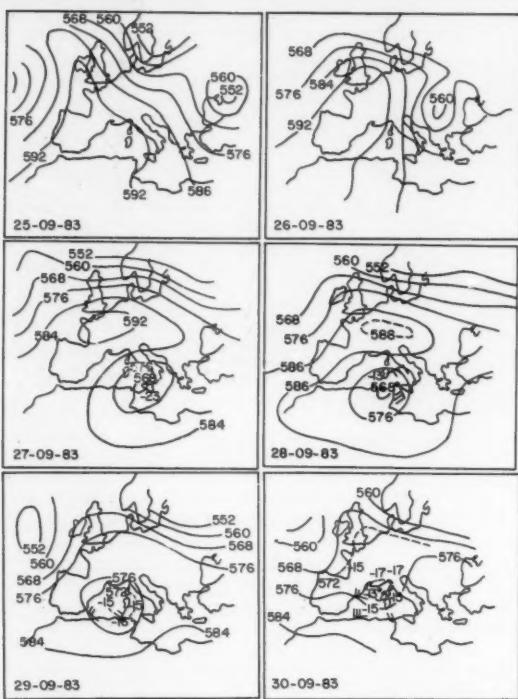


Figure 28.— 500 mb analysis for September 25 through 30, 1983.

on the 28th, the satellite picture showed a well-formed eye surrounded with spiral bands of cumulonimbus. At 0600 (fig. 24), a ship located near the eye transmitted winds of 32 kn and, more significantly, waves of 4 meters. At 1200 hr the same day, the center which was moving west-northwestward at about 10 kn reached the extreme south coast of Sardinia, bringing a sustained southeast wind of 40 kn at Cagliari. After midnight the track is no longer regular; some small loops are detected. The cyclone seems to hesitate but drifted northwestward. On the 29th, without the satellite, one could think it has vanished.

Early on the 30th it moved eastward, reaching Corsica before noon (fig. 29 and 30). At Ajaccio, southeast winds increased rapidly from 09 40 to a sustained speed of 41 kn at 10 40 (gusts of 57 kn) as the pressure fell 8 mb in 3 hr. At 1200 the eye was a few miles to the south of Ajaccio. Unfortunately, the radiosonde did not work so we do not know exactly the temperatures of the core. But, the thermal wind (parallel to the isotherms) was opposite to the wind; southeast 37 kn at 1,000 m, and southeast 25 kn at 2,500 m; which is significant of a warm core cyclone. At Pertusato gusts were recorded up to 84 kn.

After crossing Corsica, the cyclone died away in the Tyrrhenian sea. The relatively cold water (less than 19°C), visible on figure 31, must have contributed to its decay.

OTHER EXAMPLES

Last year I had the opportunity of pointing out some characteristics of these misleading Lows.

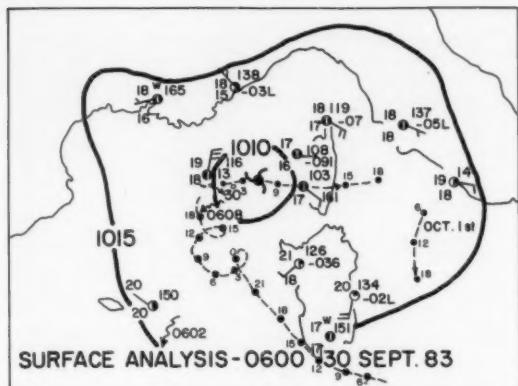


Figure 29.— Surface analysis, 0600 September 30, 1983.

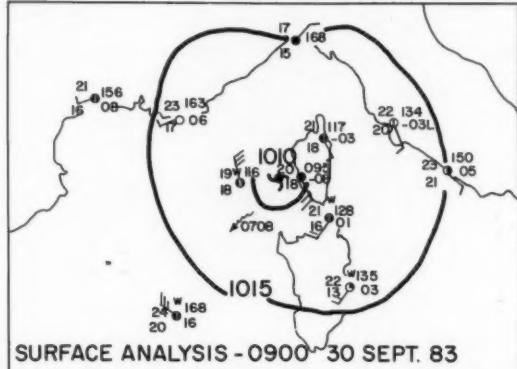


Figure 30.— Surface analysis, 0900 September 30, 1983.

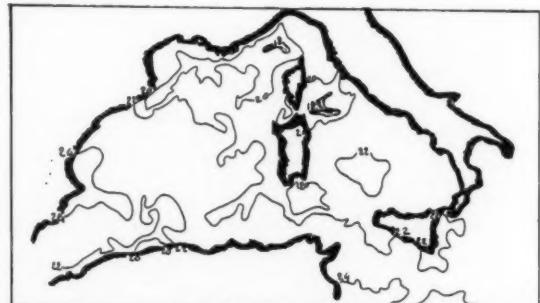


Figure 31.— Sea-surface temperature September 30 to October 6, 1983.

Whereas they look like ordinary depressions, even seeming to fill, they keep much of their energy (mostly extracted from the sea) concentrated in the core where unadvised ships are surprised to suddenly meet with heavy showers and very bad visibility, storm winds and very rough seas.

Usually the maximum sustained wind speed does not exceed 50 kn or so at sea and 40 kn on land at coastal stations. But, sometimes such phenomena may result in limited violent storms up

to force 12, as happened along the French Coast on September 26, 1947.

In 1969, the famous warm-core cyclone of September 25 and 26 east of Tunis in the Gulf of Gabes does not seem to have been stronger than force 10. More recently, force 10 was again experienced in the cyclone of January 1982 in the central Mediterranean. Let us examine this interesting case.

"On January 26, 1982, the Center of Satellite Meteorology in Lannion provided information on an unusual depression in the Mediterranean presenting all the typical features of a tropical cyclone. The depression was located between Greece and Sicily near 37°N, and 19°E.

The sea-level pressure chart provided by the meteorological service center in Paris for that time and area indicated a mere, harmless depression seeming to fill. Two days earlier, on the 24th, this LOW was located near Malta with a pressure below 1000 mb, and its size was noticeably larger (compare 1010 isobars in figures 32 and 33). On the afternoon of the 26th we received the following Ship message: FNQX 26124 99372 10184 41496 80348 10116 20089 40008 57101 78022 687// 22222 00152 20408. It was transmitted at 1200 UT by the RO/RO freighter VILLE DE DUNKERQUE

of the Societe Francaise des Transports Maritimes. As shown in the message, the ship's position was 37.2°N and 18.4°E, the wind was blowing from north-northeast at 48 kn and the pressure was 1000.8 mb, after a fall of 10.1 mb within 3 hr. Such a rapid fall of pressure is hardly ever seen in Mediterranean areas.

We were very lucky to get this interesting and valuable observation near the vortex located by the satellite (37°N, 19°E), for it confirmed a typical feature of tropical cyclones, namely: the strongest winds (here storm-force 10) at the rim of the eye.

The depression moved slowly eastward losing strength gradually. On January 28 at 1200 UT the depression reached the southern part of the island of Rhodes, lowering the barometric pressure there by the 4.7 mb in 3 hr." (After Summer 1983 issue of the *Mariners Weather Log*).

Warm core cyclones appear to develop even over cold ocean water as a result of occasional meeting of a warm air mass with a moving strong vortex. So, convection is not the only way for warm core cyclogenesis. But it is the main one over the Mediterranean Sea because of its high temperature, at least in late summer, autumn and winter.

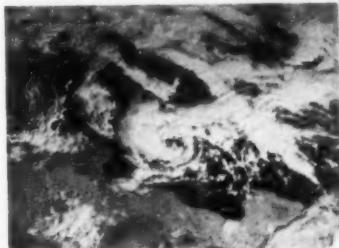


Figure 32.--Conditions on January 24, 1982 at 1200 with cloud configuration 3 hr earlier at 0900. It is worth noting that the depression was accompanied by very large cloud formations and is the center of an already well-developed large circulation on the photo from METEOSAT-2. Photo: Meteorologie Nationale-CMS Lannion.

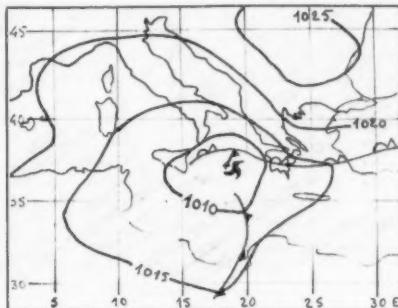
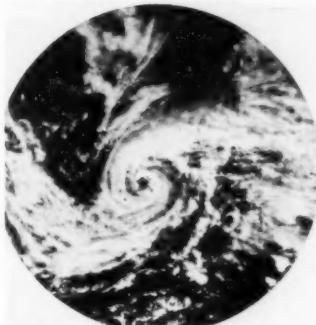
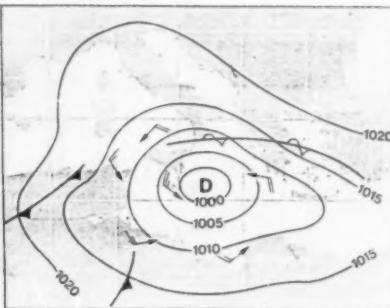


Figure 33.--Conditions on January 26, 1982 at 0600 with cloud configuration 6 hr later at 1200. The depression has shrunk noticeably. It has a good cyclonic pattern with a central eye, and powerful thunderstorms embedded in cloud spirals converging on the center as shown on this NOAA-7 satellite picture. The cross indicates the location of the ship experiencing storm winds. Photo: Meteorologie Nationale-CMS-Lannion.

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The hurricane season of 1983, with a total of four named cyclones, was the least active season since 1930 (fig. 34). Three hurricanes and one tropical storm made the 1983 season minimal in many respects. The hurricanes that did occur were rather short lived. A total number of only five hurricane days made this season the least in number of hurricane days since 1931. For comparative purposes, the average number of hurricane days per season, based on a 30-yr period, is 26. This year became the first year since 1871 that no storms or hurricanes formed south of latitude 25°N. Finally, the 1982 and 1983 seasons became the first consecutive years since 1871 that no tropical storms or hurricanes formed in the Caribbean. A summary of the 1983 cyclone statistics are given in table 1, and past statistics in tables 2 and 3.

Fortunately for the shipping interests, the

season was a minimal one in intensity as well as in activity. Hurricane Barry managed to attain minimal hurricane strength (maximum winds 70 kn) just prior to moving onshore along the northeast Mexican coast. Chantal intensified to minimal hurricane strength (65 kn) for about 24 hr prior to being engulfed by a fast moving disturbance in the mid-latitude flow pattern, and Dean (55 kn) was never more than a strong tropical storm. Hurricane Alicia was the only major hurricane of the season, and the ship that reported the highest wind gusts (110 kn) was the Coast Guard Cutter BUTTONWOOD, docked along the eastern end of Galveston Island.

HURRICANE ALICIA - AUGUST 15-21

Satellite pictures received on August 14 indicated that a cloud mass had begun to drift toward the southwest from the north central gulf coast. However, neither buoy data nor

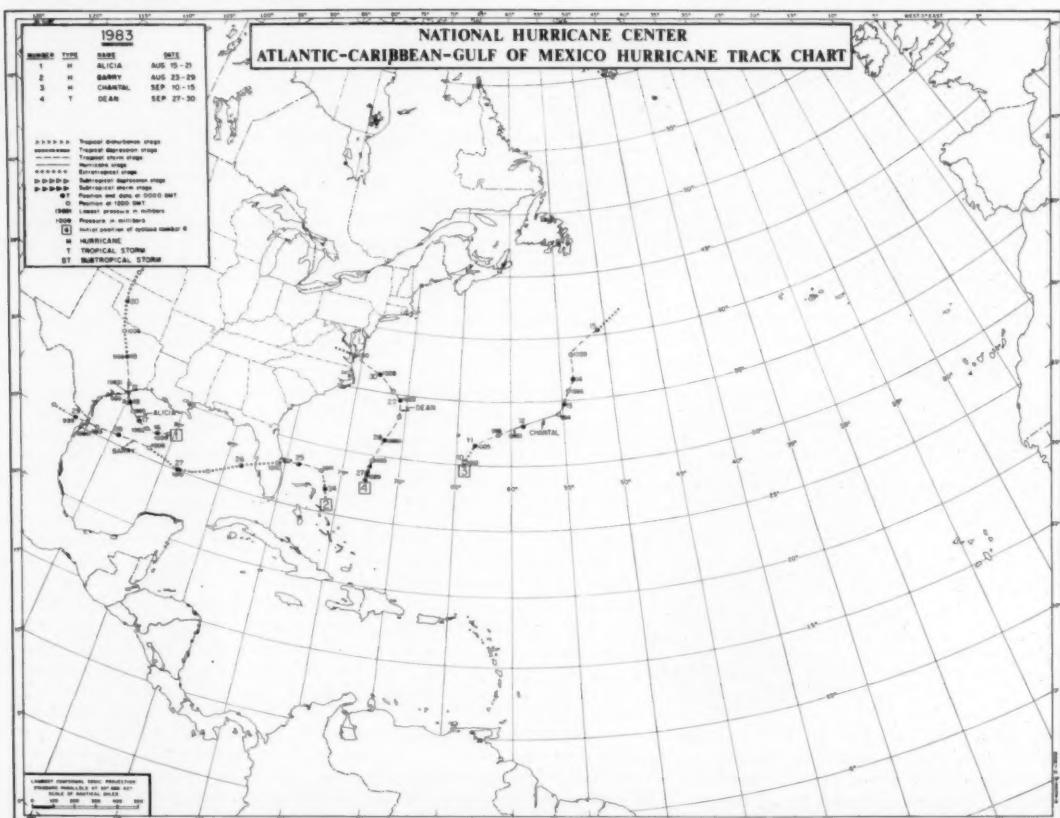


Figure 34.-- North Atlantic tropical cyclone tracks, 1983.

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Table 1.-- Summary of North Atlantic tropical cyclone statistics, 1983

Cyclone Number	Name	Class	Dates	Maximum Sustained Winds (kn)	Lowest Pressure (mb)	U.S. \$ Damage (millions)	Deaths
1	Alicia	H	15-21 AUG	100	962	100-200	21
2	Barry	H	23-29 AUG	70	986	1	
3	Chantal	H	10-15 SEP	65	992		
4	Dean	T	27-30 SEP	55	999		

T = Tropical Storm (winds 34-63 kn)

H = Hurricane (winds 64 kn or higher)

ST = Subtropical storm (winds 34-63 kn)

Table 2
NORTH ATLANTIC TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR PAST YEARS

Year	Total Number Tropical Cyclones*		Total Number Hurricanes		Loss of Life		Damage by Categories**	
	All Areas	Reaching U.S. Coast	All Areas	Reaching U.S. Coast	Total All Areas	United States	Total All Areas	United States
1981	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
1982	13	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
1983	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987	10	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
1988	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
1989	8	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
1990	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1991	10	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
1992	10	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
1993	10	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
1994	11	3	1	0	1,076	66	0	0
1995	11	0	0	0	29	7	0	0
1996	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1999	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2028	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2029	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2030	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2031	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2032	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2033	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2034	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2035	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2036	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2037	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2038	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2039	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2040	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2041	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2042	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2043	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2044	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2045	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2046	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2047	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2051	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2052	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2053	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2054	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2055	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2056	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2057	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2058	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2059	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2060	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2061	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2065	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2066	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2067	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2068	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2069	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2070	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2071	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2072	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2073	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2086	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2087	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2088	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2089	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2090	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2091	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2092	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2093	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2094	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2095	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2096	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2097	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2098	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2099	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	830	389	285	87				
Mean	8.9	3.5	5.7	1.1				

*The Environmental Data Service has for some time recognized that, without detailed expert appraisal of damage, all figures published are merely approximations. State errors in dollar estimates vary in proportion to the total damage, errors are placed in categories varying from 1 to 9 as follows:

1 Less than \$50
2 \$50 to \$100
3 \$100 to \$50,000
4 \$50,000 to \$100,000
5 \$100,000 to \$500,000
6 \$500,000 to \$1,000,000
7 \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000
8 \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000
9 \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000

** Including hurricanes and after 1967 subtropical cyclones.

† Not reported in literature, believed minor.

‡ Additional details for which figures are not available.

pressures surrounding the storm, it generated winds stronger than usually observed in storms with similar minimum central pressures.

On the afternoon of the 16th (1900 GMT), the DB CHAMPION (located about 50 mi northwest of the storm center) reported winds from the east-northeast at 50 kn with gusts to 75 kn in squalls. During the next 24 hr, Alicia turned slowly toward the northwest and passed directly over the barge. Table 4 illustrates the excellent meteorological observations taken by the crew of the CHAMPION during this critical time period. The crew of the DB CHAMPION are to be commended for a job well done. Unfortunately, the tug JOEL ROBIN, out of Cameron, La., sank during the episode with the loss of one life while coming to the aid of the DB CHAMPION.

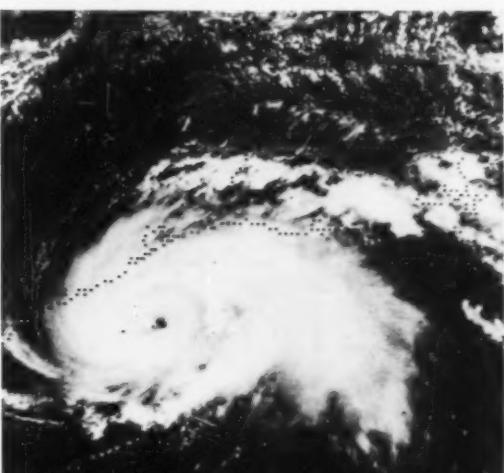


Figure 35.-- Hurricane Alicia is intensifying while approaching the Texas coast at 1731, August 17.

Hurricane Alicia continued to strengthen as it tracked toward the northwest on the remainder of the 17th. Figure 35 shows the well defined eye of the intensifying hurricane. During the pre-dawn hours of the 18th the center of Alicia (962 mb) moved onto the upper Texas coast a little more than 20 mi southwest of Galveston, Tex. Alicia became the first hurricane to strike the U.S. mainland since hurricane Allen hit the lower Texas coast in August of 1980.

HURRICANE BARRY - August 23-29

Barry was the season's only named tropical storm that began from an African disturbance. The disturbance became a depression just east of the northern Bahamas on the evening of August 23. At 0600 August 24, the OCEANIC (HOOE), located within 50 mi to the south of the suspected center, reported southwest winds of 20 kn with a central pressure of 1016 mb and seas of 9 ft. An unidentified ship located just to the north of the center at the same

Table 3
NORTH ATLANTIC TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR PAST YEARS

Frequency of Tropical Cyclones (Including Hurricanes) by Month and Years										Frequency of Tropical Cyclones Reaching Hurricane Intensity by Month and Years									
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1931		1	1	2	3	1	1		9	1931				2					2
1932	1		3	3	3	1			11	1932			3	1	1	1		6	
1933	1	1	3	7	5	3	1		21	1933	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	9	
1934	1	1	1	2	2	3	1		11	1934			1	1	1	1	1	6	
1935			3	1	2	2			6	1935			2	1	2			5	
1936		3	2	6	4	1			16	1936	1	1	3	2				7	
1937			1	2	6				9	1937			3					3	
1938				3	1	3	1		8	1938			2	1				3	
1939		1		1	1	2			5	1939			1					3	
1940	1		3	2	2				8	1940			3	1				4	
1941					4	2			6	1941				3	1			4	
1943				3	3	3	1		10	1943			3					4	
1945		1		2	4	3			10	1945		1	1	2	1			5	
1944		3	2	4	2				11	1944			1	3	1			7	
1945	1	1	4	2	2				11	1945	1	1	1	2				5	
1946		1	1	1	1	2			6	1946			1	1	1			3	
1947		1	1	2	3				9	1947			2	1	2			5	
1948	1	1	3	3	1	1			9	1948			1	3	1	1		7	
1949			3	7	2	2	1		13	1949			2	4	4			11	
1950				4	3	6	1		13	1950			4	3	4			11	
1951		1		3	4	5			10	1951	1		2	3	2	2		8	
1952				2	2	4			7	1952			2	2	2			6	
1953	1		3	4	4	1	1	1	14	1953			2	3	1			8	
1954	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	11	1954		1	2	3	1		1	8	
1955		1	4	5	2				12	1955			3	5	1			6	
1956		1	1	1	4	1			8	1956			1	1	1	1		4	
1957		3		1	4	1			8	1957	1		2	2				3	
1958		1		4	4	1			10	1958			3	3	1			7	
1959	1	2	2	1	3	2			11	1959			1	2	3			7	
1960	1	2	2	1	3				7	1960			1	1	2			4	
1961			1		6	2	2		11	1961			1	5	1	1		6	
1962			2	2	2	1			5	1962			1	1	4	1		5	
1963		1	1	5	2	2			9	1963		1	1	2	3	1		7	
1964	1	1	4	4	1	1			12	1964			2	3	1	1		6	
1965	1		2	2	2	1			6	1965			2	1	1			4	
1966	1	1	4	1	4	1			11	1966	1	3	1	1	1			7	
1967			1	4	3	2	1		8	1967			1	3	1			6	
1968	3	1	3	3	1				9	1968	2		1	1	1			5	
1969		1	5	6	5	1			18	1969			4	4	3	1		12	
1970	1	1	3	3	2				10	1970	1		1	1	1			5	
1971		1	4	6	1	1			13	1971			2	4				6	
1972	1	1	2	2	2	2			7	1972	1		1	1	1			5	
1973		2	2	2	2	2			8	1973			1	1	1	1		4	
1974	1	1	4	4	1				11	1974			2	2	2			6	
1975	1	1	2	3	1				9	1975			1	2	3			6	
1976		1	5	2	1				10	1976			4	1	1			6	
1977			1	3	2	2			6	1977			1	3	2			5	
1978		1	4	3	3	3			12	1978			2	2	2			6	
1979	1	2	3	2	1				9	1979			1	2	2			5	
1980			3	5	1	2			10	1980			3	3	1	2		9	
1981	1	1	2	5	1	1			11	1981			1	5	1	1		8	
1982			2	3	2				6	1982			1	3	1			5	
1983			2	2					4	1983			2	2				4	
1984										1984									
1985										1985									
Totals	(Jan) 1	12	30	41	132	181	94	20	3	Totals	2	12	10	82	116	48	10	1	296
(Feb) 1																			

time reported a pressure of 1017 mb, northeast winds of 20 kn and 5 ft seas. Thereafter, the depression quickly strengthened into tropical storm Barry.

On the 24th Air Force reconnaissance observations, satellite pictures and ship reports gave strong evidence to indicate that a surge of high pressure moving off the eastern coast of the United States had begun to turn Barry toward the west. At 1800 on the 24th, an unidentified ship (located within 50 mi west of Barry) reported north-northeast winds of 30 kn and a falling barometer. Elsewhere to the north all ships were showing strong pressure rises. In addition to the surface pressure surge from the north, strong upper level winds from the northeast forced most of the heaviest convection associated with Barry to the southern semi-circle of the storm (fig. 36), thus diminishing the storm's intensity.

Barry was downgraded to a depression as it crossed the Florida east coast just south of

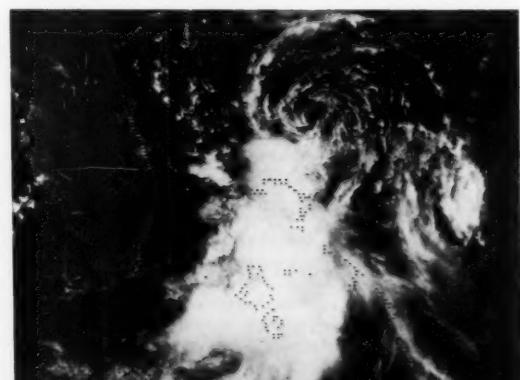


Figure 36.-- The low-level circulation of tropical storm Barry can be clearly seen north of the heavy deep convection at 1413 August 24.

Table 4.-- Ships encountering tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic during 1983

Vessel	Nationality	Position of Ship		Time	Wind	Present	Temperature	Sea Waves *	Swell Waves			
		Lat.	Long.						Dir. 10°	Period Height Sec.	Dir. 10°	Period Height Pt.
ALICIA												
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	16	W CAMERON	BLK 655	19 07	50 2	63	1018.5	25		10	10 23
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	16	High Is.	A 393	21 06	50 1-2	63	1014.5	25		10	11 25
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	16	27.8	93.5	23 05	60 1/4	97	1011.6	25		09	11 25
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.7	93.6	00 04	50 1	81	1011.0	25		09	11 28
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.7	93.6	01 04	70 1/2	65	1009.8	25		06	11 33
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.7	93.7	02 04	80 1/5	65	1008.0	25		11	35
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.7	93.8	03 04	80 <1/10	65	1007.8			04	37
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.6	93.9	05 **	** 1						33
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.6	93.9	06 02**	30 2		1001.0				30
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.5	93.9	07 25	55 1		1000.8	26			33
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.5	94.0	08 27	60 <1	65	1001.0	26		27	27
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.5	94.0	09 27	60 2	63	1004.8	26		27	27
TOYOTA MARU	JAPAN	17	27.2	96.0	12 02	75		1011.1		03 03 06 07	11	
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.6	93.9	13 25	45 1	81	1008.0	27			20
DB CHAMPION	NETHERLANDS	17	27.6	93.6	17 20	45 1	81	1011.8	26			27
BARRY												
(No Ships)												
CHANTAL												
(No Ships)												
DEAN												
GHMR	UNITED KINGDOM	27	32.2	74.4	12 02	40		1013.2		06	16 05	12 16
PETERSBURG	UNITED KINGDOM	27	31.2	74.7	12 22	40		1011.0		02	06 01	05 10
DRYSO	NEWFOUNDLAND	27	34.6	74.8	18 02	40		1014.5		07	10	
PETERSBURG	UNITED KINGDOM	27	30.3	74.6	18 03	35		1000.8		04	08 03	05 08
CHICIFF CITY	UNITED KINGDOM	28	36.0	73.8	12 03	35		1018.3		06	10	
OLEANDER	NETHERLANDS	28	36.1	70.0	18 05	35		1012.7		04	05 05	10 11
SAN PIPER	UNITED KINGDOM	28	31.5	70.1	18 21	45		1007.2		04	11 24	06 16
C.G. CUTTER	UNITED STATES	29	36.3	70.5	00 05	40		1001.0		03	08 05	05 18
VERGELEGEN	SOUTH AFRICA	29	37.3	68.5	00 04	40				05	03 05	08 18
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	36.0	73.4	06 36	35		1016.6		07	06 04	04 19
VERGELEGEN	SOUTH AFRICA	29	37.2	66.6	06 12	35		1016.3		05	08 05	06 11
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	36.5	70.3	06 05	40		1020.0				
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	36.8	72.3	06 03	35		1001.7				
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	34.2	75.5	06 32	40		1016.3				
BONAIRE	NETHERLANDS	29	33.7	74.7	09 03	40		1016.6				
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	36.5	73.2	12 01	35		1014.5		05	11 02	07 29
CARAVANA	UNITED KINGDOM	29	38.4	71.9	18 04	40		1020.4		03	06 04	05 10
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	37.0	72.6	18 04	55				06	06 04	08 26
CARAVANA	UNITED KINGDOM	29	38.7	73.3	21 05	40		1018.9		03	08 04	05 11
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	29	37.3	72.2	21 03	40		1012.3		04	06 04	14 23
CARAVANA	UNITED KINGDOM	30	38.4	73.2	00 07	0		1017.9		03	08 05	06 13
SHIP	SOUTH AFRICA	30	38.1	73.8	06 06	3		1012.5		09	13 36	09 16

* Direction for sea waves same as wind direction.

** Plain language report states ship in eye.

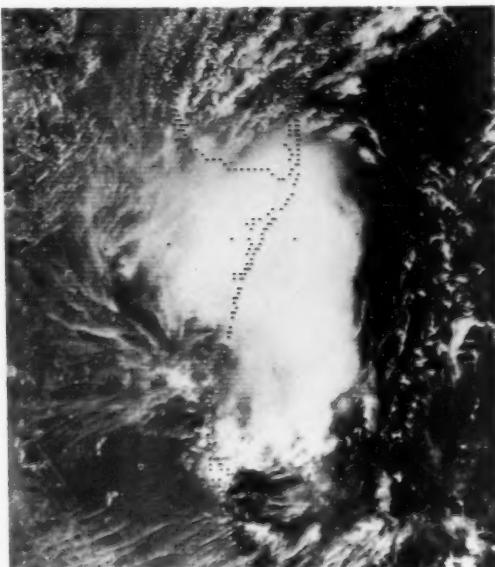


Figure 37.-- Hurricane Barry crossing the upper Mexican coast at 1700 August 28.

the Kennedy Space Center. Turning toward a west-southwest course, Barry moved under a more favorable upper-air pattern by the time it reached the central Gulf of Mexico, and once again attained tropical storm strength at 1200 on the 27th. Thereafter, Barry moved toward the west and strengthened to a minimal hurricane just prior to making landfall on the upper Mexican coast about 30 mi south of Brownsville (fig. 37). Damage from Barry was minimal in Florida and Texas. However, there was some structural damage and road washouts reported from Mexico.

HURRICANE CHANTAL - SEPTEMBER 10-15

Chantal began in a large envelope of low pressure centered a little over 100 mi south of Bermuda. On the morning of September 10, an Air Force reconnaissance plane found a closed circulation with sustained winds of 25 kn and 1010 mb pressure near latitude 30°N and longitude 64°W. During the afternoon and evening of the 10th, the intensifying depression moved toward the northeast with the center passing 100 mi to the southeast of Bermuda. Late on the afternoon of the 10th, reconnaissance aircraft found that the depression had deepened to 1006 mb with winds of 35 kn; therefore, it was upgraded to tropical storm Chantal.

No significant ship reports were available

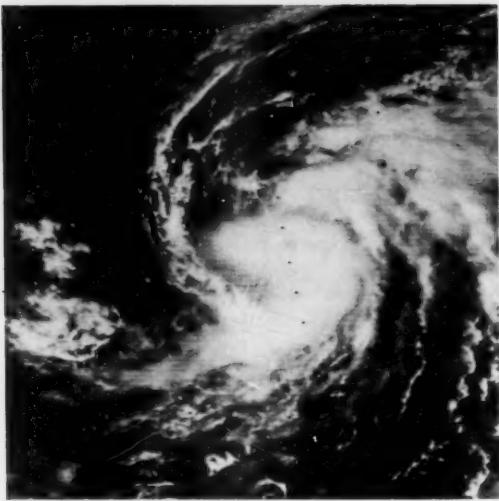


Figure 38.-- A faint eye was barely visible in Chantal's circulation beneath the cirrus overcast at 1701 September 11.

during the night of the 10th. Therefore, the first new information that supported the continued strengthening of Chantal was the final Air Force reconnaissance report on the morning of the 11th which showed winds of 55 kn and a central pressure of 996 mb. Based upon satellite data, (fig. 38), and since there were no ships close enough to the center of Chantal to be of help, Chantal was upgraded to a minimal hurricane on the afternoon of the 11th. Little change was detected in the hurricane during the following 24 hr (11/1800 - 12/1800). However, by the afternoon of the 12th, Chantal's deep convection became disorganized and it was downgraded to a tropical storm that evening.

A major trough in the westerlies moved to the northeastern U.S. coast on the 13th and Chantal turned toward the north. As the trough weakened and accelerated to the northeast during the following 24 hr, Chantal lost its identity and was engulfed by an associated surface weather front.

TROPICAL STORM DEAN - SEPTEMBER 27-30

Dean was a storm of subtropical origin that developed within a frontal cloud band which had moved off the U.S. east coast on September 22. During the next few days the front became stationary and extended from the Bahama Islands northeastward beyond Bermuda. At the same

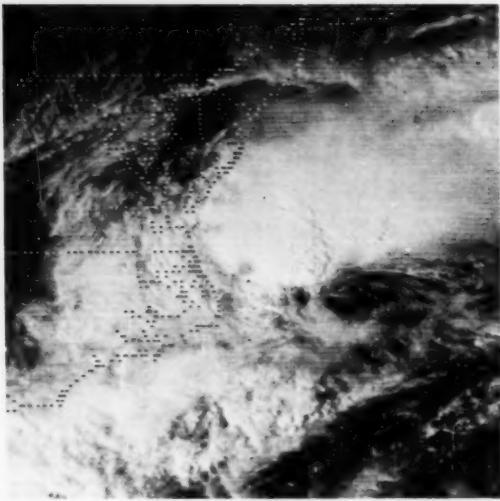


Figure 39.-- Tropical storm Dean was off the Virginia/North Carolina coast at 2001 September 29.

time, a large 1035 mb high-pressure center settled over the northeastern U.S. This combination of high pressure and the developing storm created a strong surface pressure gradient and produced northeasterly winds to near gale force along a large portion of the eastern seaboard.

By the 27th, Air Force reconnaissance found a surface pressure of 999 mb which was the lowest of the storm's existence. At the same time, satellite pictures indicated that the storm's cloud pattern and circulation were separating from the remainder of the frontal cloud band. Thereafter, Dean began to gradually weaken and, on the 29th, turned toward the northwest. Figure 39 shows the unorganized storm located just off the mid-Atlantic coast. Early on the 30th Dean moved onshore along the Virginia Eastern Shore and dissipated a few hours later.

During the time period 27/1200 to 30/0600, 23 ships within 300 mi of the storm reported winds of 34 kn or higher (table 4). Highest reported surface winds of 55 kn occurred on the 29th at 1800 by an unidentified ship located about 75 mi north-northeast of the center. With the multitude of ship reports, Air Force reconnaissance data, and satellite information, forecasters developed a great deal of confidence that Dean would turn toward the northwest and ultimately move inland along the mid-Atlantic coast.

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA PORT METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER

Richard L. Rasmussen (fig. 40) has considerable U.S. Navy marine weather experience. He started his Navy career aboard the USS MIDWAY, an aircraft carrier, in 1961. From there he reported to the Fleet Weather Facility, San Diego, Calif. Then to Amphibious Group ONE Staff in the Philippines where he served on three vessels, the USS MT. MCKINLEY, USS EL DORADO, and the USS ESTES as an observer and upper air sounding and weather map analyst. Computer Maintenance School at Fleet Numerical Weather Center, Monterey, Calif. was followed by a tour at Pt. Pinos Research and Development Center in Pacific Grove, Calif. Then to Fleet Weather Central, Guam followed by Fleet Weather Facility, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. where he was sent to "B" school in Lakehurst, N.J. and then back to Jacksonville as Duty Forecaster and Pilot Briefer. The last tour of duty in the Navy was aboard the USS MT. WHITNEY in charge of the weather office and as specialist in surf and swell forecasting for the Commander, Amphibious Group TWO. On April 11, 1977 Dick retired from the Navy and on June 5, 1977 joined the National Weather Service. He became the Port Meteorological Officer for the Port of Jacksonville in July, 1983.

Dick is married to the former Mary St. Johns of Monroe, Mich. Mary and Dick have three children and one grandchild.



Figure 40.— Richard L. Rasmussen, Jacksonville, FL Port Meteorological Officer.

EXTREME STORM WAVE CASUALTY

The RENAICO was struck by a "gigantic" wave 200 mi north of Cristobal, Republic of Panama. The force of the wave damaged the port side, hurled nine containers overboard, and brought the ship to the point of capsizing with a 40-degree roll. The vessel was on passage from Houston to Cristobal with 7,200 tons of general cargo when struck by the wave at 2130 LST, August 25, 1983.

We are investigating the weather and oceanographic conditions in the area at that time and will report the incident in greater detail in a later issue. In the meantime, we would like to have a report of conditions from any ship in the southwestern Caribbean around that time.

MARINER SCHOOLS

As some of you know, I teach a class in marine weather at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS). Actually, I learn as much as I teach and I would like to share some of my notes with you.

OBSERVERS HANDBOOK NWSOH NO. 1

Everyone seems pleased with the manual layout, the page tabs for quick reference to the observation groups, etc. This may have made it so easy to look things up that the handbook is not being read through carefully at least once. Most of the questions asked at MITAGS are in the NWSOH NO. 1.

Why Does the Mariner Make Weather Observations?

- o "Because the company (master) told me to do it."
- o "Because NWS asked us to make observations."
- o "To help other ships."
- o "To improve weather forecasts."

We usually have 6 to 10 answers like this. Good answers, but the fundamental reasons are:

- o Ship or Personal Safety

Everyone realizes that accurate weather forecasts make it safer for their ship. Observations make the forecasts better; therefore, making observations increases the possibility of a safe passage.

- o Personal Profit

If a ship and its cargo are damaged, this costs the company or the owners money. If the damage is significant the ship may be laid up, sold, or scrapped. The crew is then laid off, fired, or transferred. The mariner's pay check is his/her personal profit and it can be affected by weather.

Making observations does not guarantee good weather, but observations do improve forecasts. Weather forecasts are tools for making decisions, without them the mariners are operating with a definite handicap.

How Can One Ship Make Any Difference?

With no observations in a large ocean area the forecaster and the computer guidance products that the forecaster uses have only climatology as a base. If one ship, traveling through this ocean area, makes an observation the weather report is used instead of the climatological data.

The report is used at full value at the time of the observation and at a continually decreasing value as time passes, spreading in all directions like the waves from a pebble dropped in a pond. If the ship continues to make weather reports every 6 hr, the effect of their earlier reports will combine with the current report and the effect of one, single ship on the weather forecast will increase with each weather report.

Mariners Weather Log

Paraphrasing a little, "I never saw a Mariner's Weather Log I didn't like." As reported, the problem is getting one to read. We distribute one copy to each ship in the Voluntary Observing Ship Program as a training aid with the intent that the master, mates, and radio officer see it before it gets "lost." It is important that they see each issue as quickly as possible. If you can't bear to part with an issue, please use the subscription form on the back and then you will have your own private copy.

Misunderstandings and Mistakes in Observations

- o The barometer should be read exactly on the hour for the observation.
- o The wind should be averaged in speed and direction over a 10 min period. If there is a wind shift during the period, average the wind after the shift.
- o Wind waves have lulls, or periods of low waves, and peak waves, where one or more waves are higher than normal waves. The observed wave height and period should be the average of the well-formed waves that are neither the lull or peak type.
- o Measurement of wave height can be accurate if you use something to check the height at a distance from the ship, i.e. the width of a finger at arm's length. Caution: the angle of observation must remain constant. For instance, at about 30° down from the horizon at about 200 yards out from the ship, my little finger at arm's length measures the height of a wave a bit over 10 feet high. Select similar check points for yourself when you are in port and there are plenty of objects about at known heights.
- o Wave period is the average of the time between wave crests passing a bit of flotsam for the same type waves as you measured the height. Guessing is not good enough and may foul up the data. Many quartz wristwatches have stop-watch timers. Push the timer and start counting the number of times a piece of flotsam or foam goes over the crest of the waves. At ten or twenty waves stop the timer. Convert the minutes to seconds. Divide the total seconds by the number of waves. By using 10 waves finding the wave period is done by simply moving the decimal

point one space to the left, i.e. 59 sec - 10 waves = 5.9 seconds period. Round to 6 seconds and record PwPw as 06. Measure the period in this manner for 3 periods. The values should be quite close. If they are not, take another set of measurements and drop the set that doesn't fit. If the sea is calm and there are not wind waves, record and report 20000 for the group 2PwPwHwHw.

- o Swell should be a distinct set of waves which, compared to wind or sea waves of similar height, are more uniform, have longer crests and periods, and are usually not as steep. They can be more easily distinguished from wind waves if they come from a different direction. However, they could be coming from nearly the same direction as the wind wave, but be identifiably by their other features. If there are no swell, for the swell group enter 30000 and omit the 4 and 5 groups.
- o Sea surface temperature (SST) is a very important measurement for merchant ships to locate currents and, of course, for fishermen. The dip or sea water thermometer is the most accurate way to measure SST, but it's often inconvenient or impractical to use underway from high-sided ships. The dip can and should be used to calibrate the induction manifold thermometer when anchored out or when slowed under low wind conditions. After the induction thermometer is thus calibrated, it will be accurate under those particular conditions. Until the induction thermometer's calibration is complete for all usual conditions, dip and indicator temperature measurements should be recorded. The induction temperature should be corrected to the surface temperature. This correction may be applied under similar conditions.

Ships Weather Observations, NOAA Form 72-1A

There have been steady improvements, keep up the good work.

- o General Instructions - "1. Print all entries using black ballpoint pen." We look at this as a requirement and will be furnishing ballpoint pens with reproduction ink in the near future. Most mariners don't realize that this form is photocopied for use by ships, engineers, lawyers, judges, universities, and commercial research companies, to name a few users. Your ship was designed based on the data from these records. This should either make you proud or scare you depending upon how carefully you have made and recorded weather observations.
- o Heading "Name of ship," etc. must be completed on each form.
- o "Principal Observer" is the ship's weather observations focal point. He usually handles the supplies, mailing the completed forms, etc. PMO's try to contact him on PMO ship visits, or write him to discuss observation problems.
- o Time, GG. The small numbers are reminders of the synoptic times. Cross out the pre-printed number and add the correct time

(hour) of the observation.

- o Observations for the record. Ships may record some or all of the observation groups every hour if desired. Some masters like to know what the weather had been doing since the last time they were on the bridge. The forms may also be copied for company records.
- o Column No. 9, "Weather Data Indicator." This indicates if the 7 group, weather, is to be transmitted. Please read the last paragraph of page 2-77, NWSOH No. 1.
- o Shaded entries are not entered on 72-4A. In the first, the true wind calculations, only the "Estimated" box is checked if the wind is estimated from the look of the sea. The shaded columns are used for logging the basic data for calculating true wind from an anemometer. There is no need to work back from an estimated wind just to fill in the columns.
- o Any group with a "group indicator" number may be omitted if that element cannot be observed or there isn't anything to report.
- o Total Cloud Amount, N, column 16 of the 72-1A, should support the cloud group 8. If N is 0, group 8 should be omitted on both forms 72-1A and 72-4A.
- o Do not use four ////'s in any group, omit the group entirely if there is nothing to report and it has a group indicator number.
- o In the "REMARKS" section of the 72-1A please indicate when the wicking is changed on the wet-bulb thermometers of the sling psychrometer. It should be changed any time it gets dirty or it becomes contaminated by salt water. Your entry that the wicking was changed on the wet bulb adds confidence to this measurement.
- o On the back of the 72-1A, left side, there is an address block. If only one form is submitted this should be filled out. If two or more are submitted only one address block need be completed. This allows the PMO to verify his records, and make any changes required.
- o Supplies needed are checked, as necessary, to let PMO know you are running low on a particular item.
- o Weather Forecast Evaluation. Use this space freely for comments or suggestions as well as forecast evaluation.
- o Freak Wave Report, now called Extreme Storm Waves, is a very important report. Make use of the space above for any additional comments.

Weather Report for Immediate Radio Transmission,
NOAA Form 72-4A

- o The observer should complete the lower

part of the form including STORM or SPREP, if applicable (NWSOH No. 1, pages 1-9 and 1-10), and the ship's CALL SIGN.

- o Coordinate with the radio officer to get the weather reports transmitted. If agreeable, all synoptic observations should be written up and sent to the radio room so that the R.O. can get them out when he goes back on watch. A nighttime observation a few hours late is better than none at all. To match the radio officer's watch hours an observation can be sent an hour early, or an hour late, or as a three hourly, or intermediate synoptic observation.

Facsimile Weather Information

Facsimile receivers, which reproduce weather maps and forecasts aboard ship, are becoming increasingly popular as a method for getting pictorial weather information. By plotting the ship's position on the facsimile map it is easy to see the type of weather approaching the ship and plan accordingly. The cost of the receivers is small and with the ever increasing variety of products available over it, radiofax is becoming an increasingly important part of the ship's equipment.

The Coast Guard is testing a directional antenna for their radiofax at Point Reyes, Ca. Great improvement has been reported, particularly in the Southeastern Pacific. New Orleans, radiofax, WLO provides data over the Gulf of Mexico. Ice information is already being broadcast out of Boston, NIK (See Ice Patrol article). This service is scheduled to be expanded to include weather information in early 1984. A new radiofax broadcast is being developed in cooperation with the University of Delaware. This is all in addition to the Navy radiofax broadcasts from Norfolk, Va, Hawaii, and Guam.

Data Needed

All of the forecasts, including radiofax, depend upon ship weather observations for weather data. These observations become increasingly important near the coast where storm systems frequently originate or strengthen. We need observations as close to the coast as the ship goes, even into the bays, in order to pick up the signs of early development.

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

A few at MITAGS did not know about NWR which broadcasts weather forecasts continuously. Those stations shown on pages 1-18 through 1-21, NWSOH No. 1, also broadcast harbor and coastal weather. I recently saw this sign on the bridge of a ship, "Open no hatch covers unless NWR is on." Good advice.

Tips to the Radio Officer

NEW COAST GUARD RADIO SERVICE FOR MARINERS

The Coast Guard is now broadcasting from its station at Sandwich, Mass., navigational and weather information using a new radio format taking advantage of the low cost microcomputer. This service, called the **Navtex** system, is already extensively used in Northern Europe. Navtex stands for Navigational Telex.

Starting at 0500 GMT and repeated every 6 hr thereafter, a broadcast is made on 518 kHz which includes navigational notices to mariners, weather forecasts, weather warnings, and search and rescue alerts. A "smart" radio receiver installed in the pilot house of a ship checks each message to see if it has been received during an earlier transmission, or if it is of a category of no interest to the ship's master. If it is a new and wanted message, it is printed on a roll of adding-machine size paper. Previously, a radio operator had to be at the radio at the right time to listen to a voice broadcast or decode a Morse coded broadcast to obtain this information. With the Navtex system, he can walk over to the radio at any time, and read only the messages of interest to him. A new ship coming into the area will receive previously broadcast messages for the first time; ships already in the area which had already received the message won't receive it again.

Ships within 200 to 300 miles of the Sandwich transmitter will be able to receive these

broadcasts (this includes the whole New England Coast, as well as the Georges Bank fishing area).

At least three manufacturers already offer Navtex receivers, which cost from slightly over \$2,000 to under \$1,000.

Navtex has the potential to provide an improved standard of navigational information to the mariner with less work on the part of the ship's staff. The system has been so successful in Europe that the International Maritime Organization, a UN agency specializing in maritime affairs, is considering requiring Navtex receivers to be installed on all vessels 300 gwt and upwards.

A second Navtex broadcast will start up at New Orleans in early 1984.

CLOSING CW AT NAVCOMMSTA NEA

As of January 15, 1984 the U.S. Navy discontinued all CW ship/shore services at station NGR Naval Communications Station (NAVCOMMSTA) NEA Makri, Greece. This was announced in MARAD advisory 84-2.

FACSIMILE TEST

The Naval Eastern Oceanography Center at Norfolk, VA announced they would be transmitting a test facsimile chart. They request that mariners copy the test chart and forward it with comments, position of reception, etc. The time of transmission will be indicated in the Monday schedule transmission. See last item of The Editors Desk.

The Editor's Desk

SOLAS, CHAPTER III

The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization recently approved a complete revision of Chapter III of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, "Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements." The new requirements for lifesaving equipment, scheduled to go into effect for new ships on July 1, 1986, and for existing ships on July 1, 1991, reflect recent advances in survival technology.

The major changes concern: Emergency position - indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs), Two-way radiotelephone apparatus, Exposure suits, Lifeboats, Liferafts, Launching capability, and Training and maintenance.

A detailed article can be found in the January 1984 issue of Proceedings of the Marine Safety Council.

1984 INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL

In February or March, 1984, depending on iceberg conditions the International Ice Patrol will commence its annual service of guarding the southeastern, southern, and southwestern limits of the regions of icebergs in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. Reports of ice in this area will originate from ships and flights by Ice Patrol Aircraft. Twice each day, the Ice

Patrol will broadcast a bulletin and a daily radiofacsimile chart containing ice information to inform ships of the extent of this dangerous region.

Report ice sightings, weather, and sea-surface temperature to Commander, International Ice Patrol - COMINTICEPAT GROTON, CT through U.S. Coast Guard Communication Stations or Canadian Coast Guard Radio Station St. John's/VON.

For additional information see the February 1984 issue of Proceedings of the Marine Safety Council from which this was extracted.

COMPARING PAST 10 WINTERS

If everything else is moving at a faster pace nowadays, it may as well happen to the weather too.

Meteorologist Tom Karl of NOAA recently dug into the records and found that the nation as a whole has seen more than its share of extreme winters over the past decade.

"Extreme" winter means exactly that in Karl's terminology: a winter that is much colder than normal or one that is much warmer than normal.

On average, each decade has slightly more than one winter which falls into the "much below normal" category and likewise for the

Winter	North-East	East North Central	Central	South-East	West North Central	South	South-West	North-West	West	National
1982-83	++	++	++	0	++	0	+	+	+	++
1981-82	-	--	--	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
1980-81	-	+	-	-	++	+	++*	++	++*	++
1979-80	0	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	++	+
1978-79	-	--	--	-	--*	--	--	--	--	--*
1977-78	--	--	--*	--*	--	--*	+	++	++	--
1976-77	--	--	--	--	+	--	0	0	0	--
1975-76	0	+	+	0	++	+	0	+	+	++
1974-75	+	+	+	+	0	0	-	0	-	0
1973-74	+	-	+	+	0	-	0	0	0	0

++ Much above normal, + Above normal, 0 Normal, - Below normal, -- Much below normal

* COLDEST OR WARMEST OF CENTURY

"much above normal" category. But not the late 1970s and early '80s.

"When the temperature is averaged across the contiguous 48 states," said Karl, who is with the National Climate Data Center in Asheville, N.C., "we find that there have been three winters with much below normal temperatures and three that were much above normal in the past decade."

The probability theory can be used to answer the question, How unusual was this many extreme winters in a decade? If the winter climate is not changing, then the number of observed extreme winters (6) in the past decade (1973-74 to 1982-83) should occur in the average only once in every 62 decades or 620 yr.

Karl's perusal of the records disclosed how nature has a way of compensating one section of the country with above normal temperatures when it is delivering bitter winter cold to another section.

Recent studies of winter temperatures during the past century have shown that when relatively cold winters hit the Southeast, temperatures in the Pacific Northwest and West Coast states tend to be above or near normal. When the Southwest and West Coast states have a relatively warm or cold winter the Northeast tends to have just the opposite conditions. This balancing act goes on all over the country, with cold weather being matched by warm weather elsewhere, or vice versa.

The reason for these regional differences can often be explained in terms of preferred positions of the meanderings of the jet stream of air circling above the earth at tens of thousands of feet. During particularly extreme winters this jet stream of air tends to meander less than normal and appear anchored in position.

Karl provided the table below to support his conclusions about "How went the weather?" in the past 10 winters:

Regional Breakdown

Northeast: Conn., Del., Maine, Md., Mass., N.H.,

N.J., N.Y., Pa., R.I., and Vt.

East North Central: Iowa, Mich., Minn., and Wis.

Central: Ind., Ill., Ky., Mo., Ohio, Tenn., and W. Va.

Southeast: Ala., Fla., Ga., N.C., S.C., and Va.

West North Central: Mont., Neb., N.D., S.D. and Wyo.

South: Ark., Kan., La., Miss., Okla., and Texas.

Southwest: Ariz., Colo., N.M., and Utah.

Northwest: Idaho, Ore., and Wash.

West: Calif., and Nev.

National: all 48 contiguous states.

IRAS DISCOVERS GIANT DUST SHELL AROUND THE STAR BETELGEUSE

Astronomers studying data from the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, have discovered three giant dust shells that are asymmetrically placed around the star Betelgeuse.

IRAS, which was launched January 25, 1983, is a joint project of the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

It was already known that Betelgeuse, a red supergiant star, loses material. The IRAS data show evidence for the presence of dust shells which extend more than 4 light-years from the star. At this distance, the material must have left the star 100,000 years ago. IRAS observations thus allow astronomers to study the earliest stages in the episode of mass loss.

A surprising result is the strong asymmetry in the distribution of dust around Betelgeuse. While it is thought that the process of mass loss is more or less symmetrical around the star, all material observed there by IRAS is seen north of the star. A possible reason for this asymmetry is a strong deformation of the symmetrically ejected material by the ambient interstellar gas through which Betelgeuse moves.

Betelgeuse is one of the brightest stars in the constellation of Orion. It is conspicuously red and belongs to the class of red supergiants. It is 1,000 times larger than the Sun; if placed in our solar system, it would extend to the planet Jupiter.

RETIREMENTS

Mr. Edgar J. George (fig.40a) returning from South Africa decided to make it his last trip and elected to retire after 47 yr of sailing. Jim went to sea in 1936 and experienced World War II, the Korean and Vietnam struggles which provided him some memorable moments in his career. He has sailed on most types of vessels but recently he has been on the more familiar names such as Delta and Lykes Lines.



Figure 40a.--Mr. Edgar George.

As Navigation Officer Mr. George has been a long standing contributor to the Ships Weather Observer Program and he has numerous storm and hurricane thriller experiences to recount.

Very best wishes for a long and most happy retirement.



Figure 40b.--Captain Robert Kirby.

Captain Robert G. Kirby, (fig.40b) Master, S. S. EXXON BOSTON, departing on his last trip from Baytown, Texas to the West Coast retired after 38 yr sailing with the EXXON Fleet. Captain Kirby has been master on a number of EXXON ships but was Permanent Master on the BOSTON for the last 3 yr.

Words of thanks are inadequate for Captain Kirby's excellent and consistant support of the Ships Cooperative Weather Observer Program. His ship's consistently high number of weather reports, radio and mail, testifies to his splendid cooperation.

Captain Kirby makes his home in Houston, Texas where he plans to retire. Best wishes for a most happy retirement.

NASA BEGINS NEW STUDY OF TROPOSPHERE'S CHEMISTRY

NASA has begun a major research effort in its continuing study of the global troposphere's chemistry and interaction with the stratosphere and with the earth's land and oceans.

More than 20 scientists from 16 research organizations recently gathered at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore to conduct an intercomparison of several relatively new, high technology instruments for monitoring atmospheric trace species.

Called the Global Tropospheric Experiment, the program is expected to expand through the next decade to include global monitoring missions to learn more about the troposphere and, assess the susceptibility of the global atmosphere to chemical change.

The experiment is managed by NASA's Langley Research Center as part of the Tropospheric Chemistry Program of the NASA Office of Space Science and Applications in Washington, D.C.

Human activities have a strong effect on the global atmosphere. Prime examples are the increasing level of carbon dioxide, caused mainly by the widespread burning of fossil fuels, and the probable depletion of ozone in the stratosphere through photo-chemistry based on nitrogen and halogen compounds. Other gases, which may have an impact on atmospheric chemistry such as methane and nitrous oxide, are also believed to be increasing.

The Global Tropospheric Experiment reflects growing concern about the atmosphere's lower region. While measurements have been made of specific urban pollution areas, no global study has yet been initiated.

The first phase of the experiment is to develop, test and evaluate techniques that will achieve, under a variety of field conditions, the extreme sensitivity required to measure concentrations of key chemical species in the lower atmosphere. These trace species can have extremely low concentrations, yet still exert great influence on the composition and radiation balance of the atmosphere.

During this intercomparison of measurement techniques special attention is being given to the measurement of hydroxyl, nitric oxide and carbon monoxide.

Other meteorological and atmospheric constituent data will be analyzed to help interpret any differences between the techniques being tested.

The Wallops-based instrument intercomparisons will last about one month. The instruments will then be installed aboard an aircraft for a series of airborne intercomparisons. Flights are planned from the island of Barbados in the West Indies, flying in the tropical boundary layer over the ocean and over tropical forests. The tropical climate will expose the instruments to a wide range of water vapor, marine and continental aerosol, and natural hydrocarbon concentrations.

A third series of instrument and technique intercomparisons will be conducted over the mid-

continental United States. Again installed aboard an aircraft, the instruments will be flown in the upper troposphere, where irregularities in the boundary between the troposphere and the stratosphere provide a wide range of concentrations of ozone and other key species.

At the end of the three series of intercomparisons, leading atmospheric scientists, will carefully analyze the results, which will provide guidance as to what techniques and measurement strategies to use in later phases of the program.

Long-range plans call for global aircraft sampling in the late 1980s, followed by space-based measurements in the early 1990s.

Both of these phases of the experiment will focus on wide-spread and systematic investigations of the principal processes that govern the key chemical cycles in the global troposphere.

LONG-TERM WEATHER EFFECT SEEN FROM MEXICAN VOLCANO

The El Chichon volcano may cause an annual drop of a quarter of a degree Celsius in the earth's temperature beginning next year, a federal report says.

The recently issued 1982 annual report of the National Climate Program says the eruption of the Mexican mountain caused atmospheric opaqueness more than 10 times that caused by the Mt. St. Helens volcano, and is comparable to the largest volcanic clouds of the past 100 yr. About five percent of direct solar radiation in the northern tropics is being blocked by El Chichon particles, resulting in the possible temperature drop.

Carbon dioxide in the air also continues to increase at a rate closely correlated with increasing use of fossil fuels, the report notes, but the warming that had been expected from its past growth has not been detected.

The report describes major climatic events and related research during 1982. Among possible changes in world climate, it says deep sea water in the North Atlantic and off Labrador is becoming markedly cooler and less salty. While the reasons are not known, the report says "it could indicate that fresh water is being added by melting polar ice, brought on by climatic warming."

A major 1982-83 climate event, the report says, was the 1982-83 El Nino phenomenon that affected weather patterns in both hemispheres. Every few years sea-surface temperatures in the equatorial eastern Pacific become warmer than normal, extending from the coastline of Ecuador and Peru westward along the equator until more than a quarter of the earth's circumference is covered. This becomes part of a vast system of ocean-atmosphere climate fluctuations and the size of the 1982-83 El Nino made it one of the most unusual and important climatic events of the century.

The unusually high Pacific sea-surface temperatures were associated with abnormal weather in large parts of the globe -- the heaviest rain and worst flooding in 50 yr in Ecuador and northern Peru; heavy rain in California, Louisiana, and Cuba; and crippling drought in other areas of the world.

The report was produced by the National Climate Program Office of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The office represents 17 federal agencies with climate-related programs.

Single copies of the report are available, free, from the National Climate Program Office, NOAA, 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852.

'HURRICANES' IN ARCTIC TO BE STUDIED BY NOAA

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather researchers this winter will study Arctic "winter hurricanes," devastating storm systems that unexpectedly sweep across northern waters, endangering off-shore oil rigs, shipping, and other human activities in the high latitudes.

Additionally, the scientists will attempt to estimate how much carbon dioxide (CO₂) is transferred from the atmosphere into the depths of the North Atlantic during winter storms when the ocean waters are their most efficient in absorbing CO₂.

The amount of CO₂ in the earth's atmosphere is of concern because scientists believe that increased levels will result in major warming of the earth and other changes in climate.

The carbon dioxide studies were to be done the last 2 weeks in January on research flights from Keflavik, Iceland. Throughout February, the researchers will be based at Bodø, Norway, concentrating on polar lows; low pressure areas formed in the Arctic.

"Winter hurricanes" may be the high-latitude counterpart of summer hurricanes in the lower latitudes, according to Dr. Melvyn Shapiro, NOAA senior meteorologist on the study.

Polar Lows occur not only in the North Atlantic and the Norwegian and Barents Seas, but also, to a lesser extent, in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea.

Like a hurricane, a typical polar LOW has a spiral cloud pattern and winds in excess of 75 miles an hour. The storms are smaller than most hurricanes, and some, but not all, develop an "eye" like a hurricane.

Only recently documented, the polar LOWs develop rapidly, causing high seas extremely dangerous to shipping and to off-shore oil activities.

Understanding the LOWs will lead to many practical applications as human activities extend more and more to higher latitudes. Design of off-shore oil facilities, for example, may be modified because of the unique wave forces resulting from the LOWs.

The CO₂ study is intended to help researchers better estimate how much carbon dioxide is absorbed by the oceans world-wide.

Also participating in the studies will be scientists from NASA, the U.S. Navy, Great Britain, Norway, and Iceland.

FACSIMILE TEST (Continued)

Return the facsimile test charts with comments to: NAVASTOCEANCEN, Bldg. U-117, NAS, Norfolk, VA 23511.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was written to a friend by a crewmember of the S.P. LEE a U.S. Geological

Survey vessel. The vessel was rounding Cape Palliser and crossing Palliser Bay of Cook Strait, New Zealand.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

December 26, 1983
Wellington, New Zealand

A belated Merry Christmas from the S.P. LEE! Now that the festivities have wound down a bit, I'm sending you this rather curious pressure phenomena we experienced while rounding Cape Palliser prior to reaching Wellington (fig. 41).

From 0300Z to 0500Z we experienced "williwaws" blowing from the valleys along the coast. Our wind-speed gauge read 45-60 knots during these periods. (60 knots is the maximum speed that it registers.)

Thought you might find this interesting. Have a wonderful New Year's.

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PEN ARM IS 7.625 INCHES LONG. AXIS IS 3.375 INCHES ABOVE CLOCK FLANGE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—NOAA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

OCTOBER, 1974

BAROGRAM

SHIP. SPLLEE ROUTE FROM PACIFIC PACIFIC TO 4-N-222222

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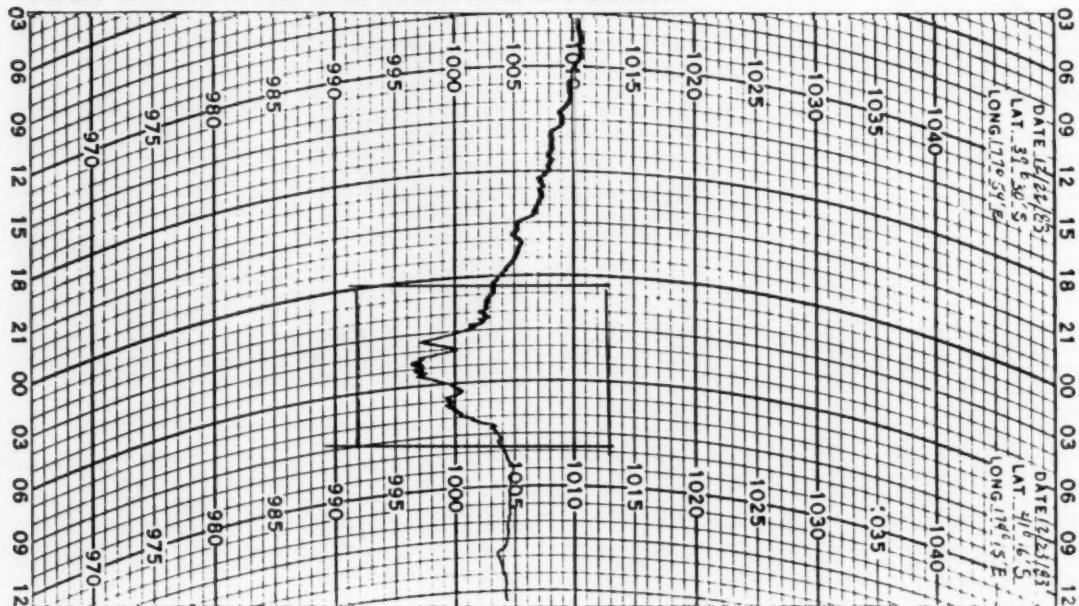


Figure 41.—Part of the barogram from the S.P. LEE as they crossed Palliser Bay.

MARINE WEATHER REVIEW

The Weather Logs combined with the cyclone tracks, U.S. Ocean Buoy climatological data, gale and wave tables, and mean pressure patterns are a definitive report on the weather systems and primary storms which affected the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans during this 3-mo period. Hurricane Alley lists and describes tropical cyclones worldwide. Unless stated otherwise, all winds are sustained winds and not gusts; all times are G.M.T.

North Atlantic Weather Log

July, August and September 1983

WEATHER LOG, JULY 1983--The primary storm track that effected the major North Atlantic shipping lanes stretched from Sable Island to the Denmark Strait. There was a disorganized area of low-pressure tracks northward from the Labrador Sea into Baffin Bay. A storm crossed from Newfoundland to Ireland. Another moved northeastward from off Cape Hatteras to near 45°N, 40°W.

The sea-level pressure pattern was near normal in overall configuration (fig. 42). The primary feature was the 1028 mb Azores High centered near 38°N, 37°W. This was within a few miles of its climatological normal location but 3 mb higher in pressure. The weak multi-centered Icelandic Low had three centers of 1006 and 1007 mb over the entrance to Frobisher Bay, over Angmagssalik, and 60°N, 10°W. These were 2 to 3 mb lower in pressure than their three climatological counterparts.

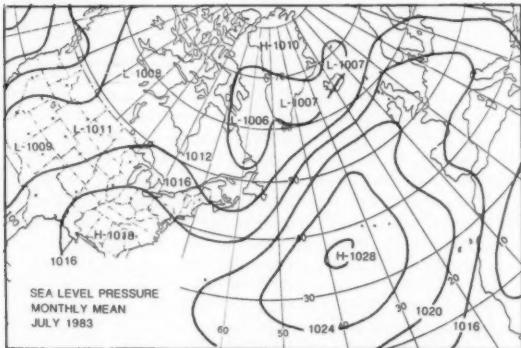


Figure 42.-- Mean sea-level pressure.

The most significant anomaly center was plus 6 mb. It was elongated in shape and stretched from about 30°N, 40°W to 50°N, 30°W to 55°N, 15°E. There was a minus 5 mb anomaly center near Angmagssalik, with a minus 3 mb subcenter in the overall negative area near Sable Island.

The upper-air flow at 700 mb reflected more major differences from climatology than the surface. There was an anomalous High center over northern Mississippi, an anomalous Low center over Davis Strait and another near Cape Finisterre. The primary High over the central

ocean near 31°N, 44°W ridged northeastward to near 50°N, 30°W. These height centers resulted in a sharp trough along the North American East Coast, the ridge over the central ocean and the Low and sharp trough west of Spain and Portugal. There was a 10° to 15° latitude wide band of straight flow from Nova Scotia to the Faeroe Islands.

Some Climatology. In 1966 the temperature soared to 104°F at Philadelphia on the 3d. On Independence day 1911, the northeast sweltered with 100°F temperatures. There was 105°F in Vermont and 106°F in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, the hottest on record for the three States. On the 5th in 1916 Mobile, Ala. was hit by their worst hurricane ever. The winds reached 82 mi/hr, the tide rose 11.6 ft above normal, and the pressure dropped to 28.92 in (979 mb). On the 9th in 1936 the temperature hit an all time high of 106°F in Central Park in New York City. On July 23, 1788 George Washington recorded that the center of a hurricane passed directly over Mount Vernon.

Extratropical Cyclones--The month started out with high pressure centered near 40°N, 30°W. It drifted westward as far as 35°N, 50°W increasing to 1035 mb and then weakening. Low pressure centers moved along the primary storm track.

During the second week a LOW off Ireland drifted southward and remained quasi-stationary southwest of ROMEO most of the week. At midweek high pressure built south from Greenland, blocking the central ocean along approximately longitude 40°W from latitudes 15° to 80°N. The ridge broke down at the end of the week leaving a high-pressure cell near 50°N, 35°W. The LOWs were weak.

The HIGH in the northern latitudes persisted into the third week, but by midweek moved south and normal configuration. Two large LOWs were present near Newfoundland and the Norwegian Sea. At the end of the week a large 1034 mb bent pear shaped HIGH stretched from Florida to the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom part of the HIGH moved to the Balkans the fourth week. A large LOW developed off New England and the Canadian Maritime Provinces. At midweek the HIGH built northeastward and was 1040 mb near 47°N, 22°W

at the end of the week. Another LOW was off Nova Scotia. By the end of the month the HIGH had drifted southward. LOWs were off the U.S. East Coast northeastward to Iceland.

This first storm was over southwestern Ontario, Canada on the 1st. It raced eastward and the center crossed the Labrador coast about 0600 on the 2nd. At 0000 on the 3d the CANADIAN EXPLORER (53°N , 43°W) found the first gale. By 1200 the LOW was 974 mb near 62°N , 35°W (fig. 43). The INGOLF (65°N , 35°W) had 37-kn winds out of the northeast with 18-ft seas. The VERKHOVINA (60°N , 32°W) had 43-kn westerly winds and 13-ft waves. The 1800 group of observations showed several 50-kn wind reports and many gales in the vicinity of 61°N , 34°W . A U.S.S.R. ship UUON (61°N , 33°W) radioed 50-kn winds from the southwest and 30-ft seas. Winds up to storm force and seas up to 17 ft continued into the 4th. The storm stalled near 65°N , 30°W , where it remained stationary into the 6th and dissipated. Some high swell persisted east of the storm into the 5th.



Figure 43.-- A deep LOW for a summer month.

This LOW formed in the trough of the storm above on the 6th west of Cork, Ireland. At 1200 on the 7th it was 1000 mb near 54°N , 17°W . The DART EUROPE (53°N , 21°W) had 39-kn northerly winds. The EDOUARD L.D. measured 42-kn winds from the southeast at 44°N , 09°W on the 8th. The storm was quasistationary near 45°N , 18°W for 96 hr through 1200 on the 12th (fig. 44). On the 17th the IRON KERRY (39°N , 12°W) reported 47-kn winds. On the 12th the storm started moving southeastward toward the Azores. On the 13th, it was 1010 mb near 39°N , 26°W . On the 14th it was again moving northeastward and dissipated on the 15th.

An inverted trough south of Bermuda was the source of this storm on the 10th. At 1200 on the 11th the SEA-LAND PRODUCER (32°N , 61°W) had

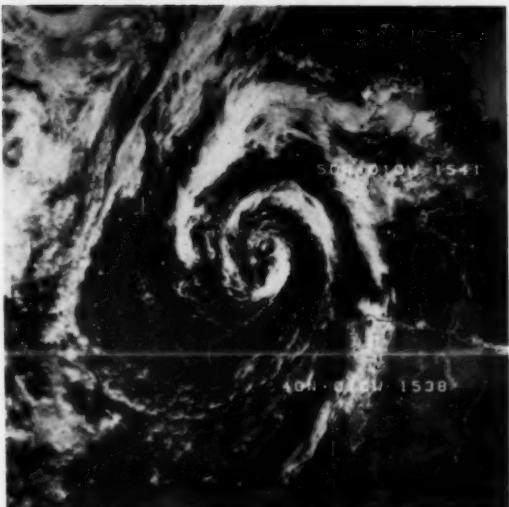


Figure 44.-- The storm as it appeared at 1540 on the 10th.

32-kn westerly gales with 20-ft waves. The MELTON CHALLENGER (39°N , 55°W), north of the center, measured 42-kn easterly winds and 10-ft waves. At 1200 on the 12th, the 1002-mb storm was near 42°N , 59°W . Several ships were reporting gales and waves up to 20 ft. The RIGG at 44°N , 60°W measured 48-kn easterly winds and 20-ft seas. A ship nearby measured 52 kn. On the 13th, the storm turned northwestward toward a complex LOW that had developed over New England. The BARBER TAIF (40°N , 68°W) found 50-kn southerly winds. This LOW no longer existed on the 14th.

This was the complex LOW mentioned above. It consolidated into one 1002 mb LOW near 42°N , 63°W on the 14th. On the 15th the MAYAGUEZ (41°N , 55°W) and the SEDCO 706 (47°N , 49°W) both reported 35-kn gales. At 1200 on the 16th the 997-mb storm was over eastern Anticosti Island. SEDCO 706 was still reporting winds of 35 to 40 kn every 3 hr through the 17th. The ROSTAND near 40°N , 53°W was reporting 20-ft waves. At 1200 on the 19th, the 984-mb storm was near 58°N , 48°W . The SUNEMERILLON (54°N , 56°W) measured 40-kn northwesterly winds, 18-ft seas, and 21-ft swells. The storm was north of Iceland on the 21st and over the Greenland Sea on the 23d.

A frontal wave north of Lake Ontario spawned this storm on the 21st. By 1200 on the 22d it was south of Cape Sable at 990 mb (fig. 45). There were some gale reports late in the day. There were many gale reports on the 23d in the southeast quadrant. The GARDEN MOON (40°N , 56°W) reported 55-kn winds from the southwest with 34-ft seas, and 35-ft swells. A ship near 46°N , 48°W reported 50-kn southerly winds, not far away another had 23-ft waves. On the 24th, the LOOSDRECHT (41°N , 57°W) found 15-ft seas and 30-ft swells and the DEFiance (39°N ,

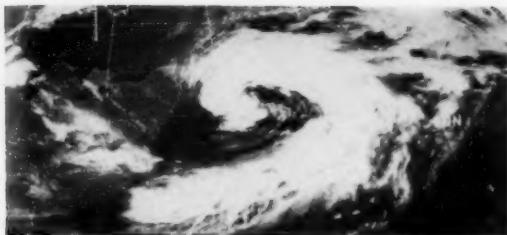


Figure 45.-- A synchronous satellite view of the storm at 1700 on the 22d.

54°W) had 15-ft seas and 33-ft swells. The storm was over the Denmark Strait on the 26th and continued northward along the Greenland coast. A weather station on the northwest coast of Iceland measured 40-kn winds on the 27th.

This persistent but weak frontal wave formed over Montana on the 20th. It moved off the New Jersey coast on the 24th and started to deepen. On the 25th, the GARDEN MOON was at 34°N, 64°W with 47-kn winds. At 0000 on the 26th the storm was 993 mb near 43°N, 60°W. The CYGNUS (41°N, 50°W) had 55-kn southerly winds with 15-ft waves. Late in the day the MARJORIE LYKES (41°N, 49°W) measured 30-kn winds from the south and 20-ft waves. On the 27th SEDCO 706 measured 40-kn winds and CHARLIE had 35-kn with 16-ft seas.

The storm was over Kap Farvel at 0000 on the 28th. A Soviet ship UFOM (60°N, 35°W) had 43-kn winds and 21-ft waves. On the 29th the MAGNUS JENSEN (60°N, 48°W) reported measuring 58-kn winds. The storm was over the Davis Strait at 1200 and dissipated as another center formed along the Greenland coast to the southwest.

Casualties. Strong thunderstorms struck northern Greece on the 21st and 25th. Winds up to 70 mi/hr were reported. It was estimated that over 660 people were caught offshore in fishing and pleasure boats. Many vessels were overturned. Thessaloniki port officials said 266 people were rescued. Twelve people were reported dead and five missing after several days of searching.

The following ships collided in fog. The POLAR BEAR and AROSIA off Morte Point, England. The KIEL and ALOHA M. near Plymouth. The ferry YANKEE and HARBEL TAPPER between Providence and Block Island with 140 passengers aboard. No report of injuries.

The ANA DEL MAR and MEONIA grounded in fog at Felixstowe.

The tugs DUGA and TOGA reported ice damage at Tuktoyakstuk during July and September. The MESANGE suffered ice damage enroute to Wakeham Bay, Canada.

The RIXTA OLDENDORFF reported weather damage.

WEATHER LOG, AUGUST 1983--The majority of the significant storms occurred the last half of the month. There were weak short-lived LOWS the first half of the month that do not show on the track charts because they existed less than

36 hr. Their track was generally along the extreme northwest edge of the ocean from Newfoundland to the Greenland East Coast. The primary track later in the month was more diverse but a rough average would be from about 40°N, 65°W to Iceland. One storm the third week tracked eastward between 45° and 50°N into the English Channel.

The mean sea-level pressure pattern was typical summer time with a large 1028 mb Azores High near 38°N, 30°W (fig. 46). This was 5 mb higher than normal and 300 mi to the northeast. Ridges stretched into the eastern United States and Europe. The Greenland High was missing and a weak 1005 mb Low was over the Greenland icecap near 70°N, 45°W. A 1000 mb Low was over the eastern Barents Sea.

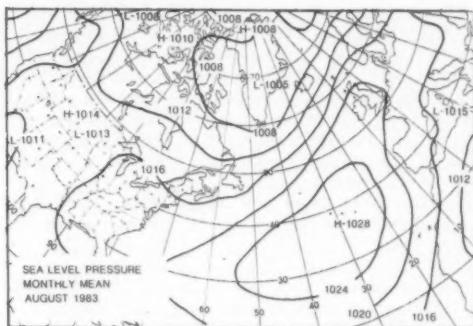


Figure 46.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

The primary anomaly center that affected marine weather over the shipping lanes was plus 9 mb over the United Kingdom. There was a minus 9 mb anomaly center over central Greenland and a minus 12 mb center northwest of Novaya Zemlya. The zero isoline stretched from Cape Chidley to 55°N, 45°W to Iceland to Bodo, Norway. Pressures over the eastern United States and Canada were slightly positive.

In the upper air at 700 mb there was an anomalous LOW near Disko Island, Greenland instead of a trough in the area. The long-wave trough along the North American East Coast was sharper than the normal slightly off the New England Coast. There was relatively straight zonal flow northeasterward from Newfoundland to Bodo, Norway about 15° of latitude wide. Troughing along the western Europe coast did not occur except over Portugal.

Hurricanes Alicia and Barry occurred this month.

Some Climatology. On the 6th in 1843, severe thunderstorms struck near Philadelphia with as much as 16 in of rain in 3 hr. Flooding destroyed 32 bridges with 19 deaths. Thirty barges were sunk on the Schuylkill River. On the 9th in 1882 a ship on Lake Michigan had 6 in of snow and slush dumped on its decks. Snow showers were observed on shore. On the 11th in 1940, a hurricane struck Savannah, Ga. and Charleston, S.C. with the worst inland flooding since 1607.

On the 25th 1982, a deep low-pressure system was over New England. Syracuse, N.Y. had a

record low pressure of 29.34 in of Hg (993.6 mb) and Burlington, Vt. had a record 29.28 in of Hg (991.5 mb). On August 26, 1949 a hurricane made landfall at Delray Beach, Fla. Winds reached 153 mi/hr at Jupiter lighthouse before the anemometer failed. On the 29th, 1971 heavy rains from tropical storm Doria caused devastating flooding in New Jersey, and flooded streets and subways in New York City. On August 31, 1954 hurricane Carol swept across New England killing 60 people.

Extratropical Cyclones--High pressure was the major meteorological feature over the North Atlantic the first week of the month. Anticyclonic curvature extended to latitude 50°N and drifted eastward by midweek. At the end of the week the HIGH stretched from southwest of the Azores to the North Sea. A LOW developed over Portugal. During the week, weak LOWs and frontal waves followed a path from Nova Scotia to the Denmark Strait. The same pattern continued until midweek of the second week. At this time the HIGH over the United Kingdom dissipated. By the end of the second week the LOWs were becoming larger and stronger.

The third week found the Azores High south of latitude 40°N and weak. A LOW traveled eastward from near Cabot Strait between latitudes 45° and 50°N to the English Channel. By the end of the week the Azores High was back over the Azores.

The Azores High was moving northeastward during the fourth week and the LOWs were intensifying. By the end of the week there was a HIGH west of Ireland and the LOWs were again weak. The end of the month found a strong LOW developing off the east coast of the United States.

This first storm was only minimally significant. It formed in a trough south of Kap Farvel on the 4th. At 0000 on the 5th LIMA had 20-ft swells. At 1200 the NIKEL (56°N, 34°W) had 35-kn winds near the front. At 0000 on the 6th the 992-mb LOW was on the Greenland East Coast at 65°N. At 1800 the FIRMNES (54°N, 48°W) had 33-kn winds and 20-ft swells. The LOW disappeared on the 7th.

Another short-lived LOW that beat itself out against a midocean HIGH was first analyzed near Cape Hatteras on the 5th. The KENNETH E. HILL (37°N, 70°W) measured only 26-kn winds south of the center but the swell waves were 20 ft. At 1200 on the 7th the storm was 1000 mb near Halifax, Nova Scotia (fig. 47). The RIGG near 44°N, 59°W measured 40-kn southeasterly winds. On the 8th, the TAKASAKA (46°N, 52°W) measured 40-kn southwest winds and SEDCO 706 measured 43 kn. The storm weakened as it raced into the Denmark Strait by the 10th and dissipated.

This frontal wave formed over Cape Sable on the 10th. It was 1002 mb near 53°N, 52°W at 1200 on the 11th. SEDCO 706 (47°N, 48°W) measured 42-kn winds and the J.E. JONSSON (46°N, 48°W) measured 44-kn winds early in the day. On the 12th the JOHAN PETERSEN (58°N, 45°W) measured 52-kn easterly winds and 20-ft seas as the storm passed south of her. As the storm moved

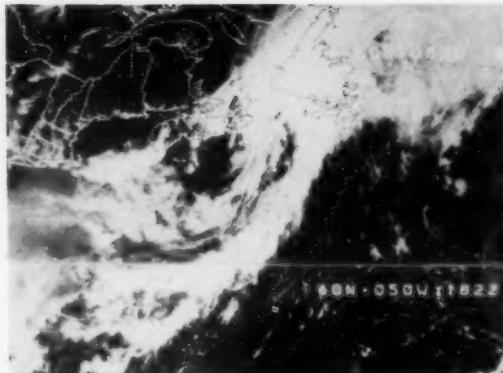


Figure 47.-- At 1800 the storm was near Sydney, over Iceland on the 14th, the circulation expanded but there were no high winds. On the 15th another center formed off the Norwegian Coast and the original center disappeared. MIKE measured 40-kn winds.

This storm developed from a complex multicentered LOW that moved across the Appalachian Mountains on the 11th and 12th. When the circulation moved over the ocean on the 12th it reverted to an open frontal wave configuration. By the 13th the northeastern wave was intensifying south of Newfoundland. The J.E. JONSSON (47°N, 48°W) measured 50-kn winds out of the southeast which were 40-kn from the northwest on the 14th.

The storm was 1002 mb at 0000 on the 15th near 50°N, 32°W. The STAR CARRIER (50°N, 33°W) measured 50-kn northwesterly winds with 25-ft seas and 21-ft swells. The ALMERIA LYKES (46°N, 30°W) found 45-kn northwesterly winds, 12-ft seas, and 39-ft swells. The swell report may be a communications error but the direction and period were within reason and I wasn't there. At 1200 on the 16th the storm was 996 mb near 46°N, 22°W. There were several ships in the area of 40° to 45°N and 25° to 40°W that reported winds of 30 to 40 kn and waves of 20 to 25 ft. The SCHWABENSTEIN (40°N, 27°W) reported the highest waves off 25 ft. The 20 plus-ft waves continued into the 17th.

The storm was weakening on the 18th and eventually dissipated over the English Channel on the 22d.

The eastern slopes of the Canadian Rocky Mountains produced this potential storm on the 18th. Its influence over the salt water began being felt late on the 20th. Gales were blowing in the eastern semicircle on the 21st. The IRISH ROWAN (53°N, 44°W) had 40-kn easterlies with 18-ft waves. The WKPZ measured 45-kn winds with only 10-ft seas near 47°N, 62°W, they were 48 kn on the 22d. The TFL EXPRESS (44°N, 56°W) had 44-kn westerly winds with 20-ft seas.

At 1200 on the 23d the storm was 987 mb near 59°N, 40°W (fig. 48). The FRITHJOF (60°N, 43°W), right at Kap Farvel, had 48-kn northeasterlies with 20-ft seas. The OCEAN RANGER sank on the 23d, about 215 mi east of

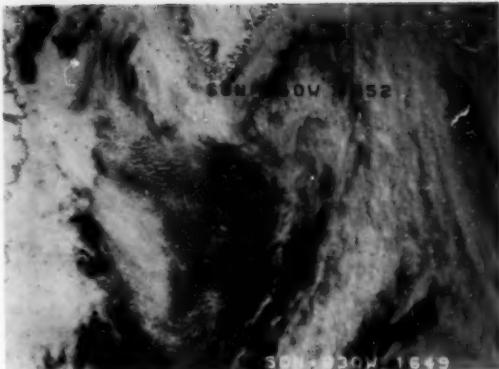


Figure 48.-- The rugged Greenland coast and high altitude of the ice cap destroyed the normal configuration.

Cape Race, after being buffeted over night by 25-ft seas while being towed to a place of final disposal. The storm rapidly weakened as it moved up the east coast of Greenland.

Monster of the Month--This LOW could have become a tropical storm but before it got started a front swept southward into the circulation. It was first analyzed on the 26th about midway between Jacksonville, Fla. and Bermuda in an area of easterly flow. The storm developed rapidly on the 30th. The Canadian VCWB (46°N, 48°W) measured 44-kn easterlies and 15-ft seas. By 1200 on the 31st the 984-mb storm was at 47°N, 45°W. There were several wind reports of 50-kn or greater. The WEST VENTURE (47°N, 49°W) measured 58-kn northerly winds with only 15-ft waves. The GEORGE OUSHAKOV (45°N, 48°W) had 43-kn northwesterly winds and 23-ft seas.



Figure 49.-- The storm is in its mature stage at 1640 on September 1.

By September 1 at 1200 the storm was 962-mb near 50°N, 26°W (fig. 49); a very deep extratropical storm for this time of year. There were many storm-force wind reports and several of hurricane force. Waves up to 41 ft were observed. The PACIFIC PEACE, TFL LIBERTY, and VRNZ all reported winds over 64 kn in the vicinity of 50°N, between 25° and 30°W. The PACIFIC PEACE had the 41-ft waves. On the 2d at 0000 ROMEO had 47-kn westerly winds with 49-ft seas. At 1200 the storm was 968 mb at 54°N, 10°W over the northwest coast of Ireland. There were still many storm-force winds and the PECHEUR BRETON (47°N, 12°W) reported 65-kn winds with 39-ft seas. The CARIBIA EXPRESS (47°N, 16°W) found 55-kn westerly winds with 30-ft seas and 46-ft swells.

At 1200 on the 3d the storm had weakened to 984 mb as it moved over the United Kingdom but there were still storm-force winds and waves up to 25 ft. The storm was tracking up the coast of Norway on the 4th and dissipated on the 5th.

The storm hit Britain and Ireland with 80 mi/hr wind gusts killing at least six people. A yacht sank in 60-ft waves off southwestern England. Six yachts were in trouble and transmitted "Mayday's." One reported force 10 to 11 winds, sea state 8 and swell 9. The HYDO in tow of the tug AZNAR JOSE went aground near Ushant. The SIMBA lost 18 containers overboard 500 mi southwest of Brest.

The SOUTHERN DIAMOND had heavy weather damage after leaving Antwerp and the C.S. ARADIS was abandoned by its crew off Ushant on the 3d.

Casualties--The following ships suffered ice damage: PAULINA C. and GENERAL BEM on Hudson Bay, the PENNYSMART and MESANGE.

The LONELIL and EBN MAGID collided in fog. The LONELIL sank off Cape Silleiro with two crewmen missing.

The following ships suffered weather damage: EDITH ESSBERGER (Aug. 1), OMEGA LADY (1st and 2d), PAROS (3d and 4th), NEPTUNE-GASCOGNE (3d), VERNICOS GIANNIS (9th), HBC 1000 (20th), NINA JUNIOR (23d).

The CASTILLO DE BELLVER (fig. 50) with 250,000 tons of oil had an explosion and caught fire about 68 mi northwest of Cape Town at 2348 August 5. She broke in two about 8 hr later. Waves at the scene were reported to be 30 ft. Three of the 36 crewmen were missing. The stern section sank the night of the 6th. The bow section was towed to deeper water and was sank on the 13th.

The RENAICO almost capsized on the 25th after being struck by a gigantic wave 200 mi from Cristobal enroute from Houston. The wave damaged the port side and hurled nine containers overboard.

WEATHER LOG, SEPTEMBER 1983--There was a parade of storms from the southwest to the northeast across the North Atlantic mainly between latitudes 45° and 65°N. A few LOWS tracked along the western coast of Greenland. Also there were three LOWS off the southeast



Figure 50.-- A fireboat sprays water on the bow of the CASTILLO DE BELLIVAR, which caught fire late on August 5. She broke in two about 8 hr later in seas reported as 30 ft. She was carrying 73 million gallons of crude oil. Wide World Photo.

U.S. Coast south of latitude 39°N. A mean track for the month would stretch from about Cape Cod east-northeastward to 53°N, 25°W. From there the tracks spread out from eastward to northward. There was a secondary path from Hamilton Inlet to about 57°N, 40°W. Five storms tracked over the United Kingdom and the North Sea.

The Icelandic Low consisted of two centers, a 1005-mb near 58°N, 22°W and a 1004-mb center near 70°N, 12°E (fig. 51). The climatological Icelandic Low is 1005 mb near 62°N, 30°W. The Azores High was 1023 mb near 30°N, 40°W. This was 2mb higher and 400 mi southwest of its climatic counterpart. High pressure over the eastern United States and the Mediterranean was slightly above normal.

The anomaly chart had a minus 6-mb center near 45°N, 23°W and a minus 4-mb center near Oslo. There was a plus 5-mb center over the Denmark Strait and a plus 8-mb center over Home Bay, Baffin Island.

In the upper air at 700 mb the flow was near Zonal between latitudes 40° and 60°N. A trough approximately paralleled longitude 25°W. There was an anomalous LOW near Sandra Stromfjord, and an anomalous HIGH over the southern Gulf of Boothia.

Hurricane Chantal and tropical storm Dean, the last of the season occurred this month.

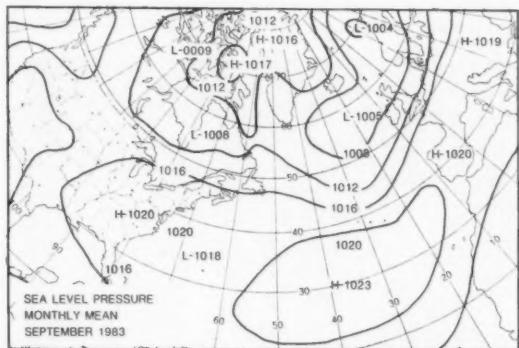


Figure 51.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

Some Climatology--On September 8, 1900 probably the worst weather disaster in the U.S. occurred when a hurricane hit Galveston, Texas. A 5-ft tide washed over the Island drowning more than 6,000 persons and destroyed more than 3,600 buildings. On September 9, 1921 a dying tropical depression dumped 38.2 in of rain on Taylor, Texas. A record 36.4 in fell in 18 hr. On the 11th, 1961 hurricane Carla made landfall near Port Lavaca, Texas with wind gusts of 175 mi/hr. On the 13th in 1979 hurricane Frederick

hit Mobile Bay with 132 mi/hr winds. It was the costliest in U.S. history with \$2.3 billion damage. On the 15th in 1752 a great hurricane hit the South Carolina coast with a tide almost to downtown Charlestown. Just before reaching the city the wind shifted and the tide dropped 5 ft in 10 min.

On the 16th in 1928 a monster hurricane killed 600 in Guadeloupe and 300 in Puerto Rico. The storm struck West Palm Beach and Lake Okeechobee swelled to an area the size of Delaware. It killed 2,000 people. On the 19th in 1947 the eye of a hurricane passed directly over New Orleans and the barometric pressure dropped to 946.8 mb. On the 22d, 1938 a hurricane smashed into Long Island and crossed New England causing a massive blowdown of trees and flooding. Winds gusted to 186 mi/hr at Blue Hill, Mass.

On the 23d, 1815 one of the greatest hurricanes to strike New England also made landfall at Long Island and crossed New England. It was the worst in 200 yr and equal to the 1938 hurricane. It was one of a series of severe summer and autumn storms to affect shipping lanes that year. On September 27, 1816 frost occurred across New England killing unripened corn and causing a famine year. On the 28th, 1917 a hurricane struck Pensacola, Fla. with 95 mi/hr wind gusts and a pressure of 651.1 mb. The winds gusted to 75 mi/hr at Mobile Ala.

Extratropical Cyclones--A deep strong LOW that originated in August moved along the major shipping lanes the first of the week. By midweek another LOW followed the first one. At the end of the first week there was a Bermuda High and the Azores High built into France. Yet another LOW was moving eastward north of latitude 55°N.

During the second week the HIGH over Europe continued eastward to over the Balkans. The Azores High redeveloped and at midweek there was a blocking ridge along latitude 20°W. There was generally high pressure south of latitude 40°N. Hurricane Chantal was 800 mi east of Cape Hatteras. By the end of the week the blocking ridge broke down and the parade of LOWs continued.

During the third week the Azores High was well established. At midweek a powerful LOW developed. At the end of the week the Azores High was breaking down and high pressure over Cape Hatteras was moving northeastward.

The fourth week a cut-off LOW developed off Portugal. There was high pressure over the eastern U.S. and an elongated northeast-southwest HIGH from the Norwegian Sea to 30°N, 55°W. At midweek there was a strong HIGH over the central ocean. At the end of the week a strong HIGH moved off Long Island and another covered Europe. Tropical storm Dean formed off the southeastern U.S. Coast. At the end of the month another strong LOW developed.

This storm was east of Boston on the 1st. By 1200 on the 2d the storm was 998 mb near 48°N, 52°W. The SEDCO 706 measured 40-kn winds. The FIVE STAR suffered weather damage off Newfoundland.

By 1200 on the 3d the 984-mb center was at 52°N, 29°W. The AMERICAN LEADER (45°N, 27°W) had 55-kn southwesterly winds and 20-ft waves. The MAIN ORE (45°N, 36°W) had only 27-kn winds but the swell was 33 ft. ROMEO had 20-ft swells and reported 26-ft seas on the 4th. The storm was just off northern Ireland at 1200. The CAPE RODNEY (53°N, 15°W) measured 60-kn winds with 20-ft waves. At 1800 the UBNJ had 30-ft seas at 56°N, 13°W. The storm was over Norway on the 5th.

This LOW formed slightly east of Hopedale on the Labrador coast on the 5th. On the 6th a frontal wave moved into its eastern circulation. At 1200 on the 6th the KOMSOMOLSK (56°N, 28°W) just north of the wave had 40-kn easterly winds with 20-ft seas. The FARLAND very near the center at 53°N, 28°W had 48-kn easterly winds and 13-ft waves. By 0000 on the 7th the two centers combined at 980 mb near 58°N, 33°W (fig. 52). The JOHAN PETERSEN and PIOS both were near 58°N, 40°W and measured winds of 50 kn with 13- to 23-ft waves. The INGOLFUR ARNARSON (64°N, 26°W) reported easterly winds of 60 kn or greater several times. The storm was stationary most of the 7th and 8th south of Iceland. The HERMOD (53°N, 26°W) measured 52-kn winds from the northwest with 13-ft seas and 26-ft swells on the 8th. The storm started moving by the 9th and raced to the North Sea where it disappeared.

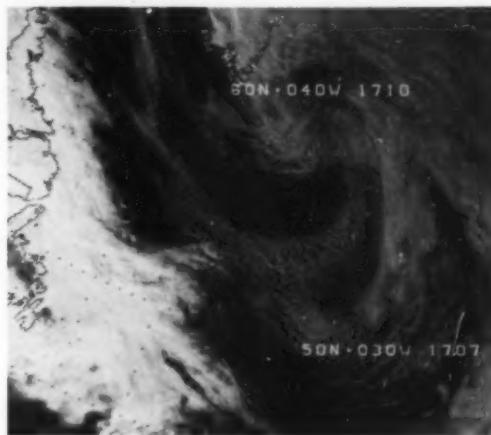


Figure 52.-- The center of the upper circulation was near 59°N, 34°W at this time on the 7th.

About that time another LOW had formed southwest of Ireland and became the primary center. A ship in the Bay of Biscay had 20-ft seas on the 10th. There were gales and high seas off both the east and west coast of Scotland on the 11th. The BEARN (55°N, 00°W) had 30-ft seas. The storm moved over Scandinavia on the 12th and turned northward.

On the 15th a front was parallel to and off the United States and Canadian Coast. Frontal waves were developing and dissipating along the

front. On the 16th one continued to develop into a storm. Gales were blowing on both sides of the front with 10- to 20-ft seas. By 1200 on the 17th the LOW had plunged to 970 mb near 57°N, 22°W (fig. 53). The ODISSEI (55°N, 20°W) measured 48-kn southerly winds with 36-ft seas.



Figure 53.— This satellite image verifies the surface analysis exactly.

The CAST CARIBOU (52°N, 17°W) measured 55-kn winds. LIMA had 48-kn southeasterly winds and 23-ft seas. At 0000 on the 18th they were 43-kn from the southwest with 25-ft seas, and 36-ft swells. CHARLIE had 30-kn winds and 20-ft waves. The 850-mb level at LIMA was 3,156 ft with 60-kn southwest winds. At 0300 LIMA had 51-kn winds, 30-ft seas, and 41-ft swells. The LONDON ENTERPRISE (56°N, 16°W) at the same time measured 65-kn westerly winds, 23-ft seas, and 43-ft swells. Other ships in the storm had 40- to 50-kn winds and 20- to 25-ft waves. Gales reached as far north as Iceland. The storm was 958-mb at 60°N, 15°W at 1200. The winds were in the gale and strong-gale category with waves up to 20 ft on the 19th. The storm was over the Norwegian Sea and weakening on the 20th. It moved over Nordkapp on the 21st.

This LOW broke off east of a deep LOW that stalled over Hudson Bay, on the 20th. By 1200 on the 21st it was 995 mb near 52°N, 36°W. The HERMOD (50°N, 42°W) measured 44-kn northerly winds. By 1200 on the 22d it was 982 mb near 51°N, 23°W (fig. 54). A second center had formed about 300 mi to the south-southwest. The AMERICAN ARCHER (50°N, 29°W) estimated 50-kn northerly winds and 20-ft seas. The RAPAH (45°N, 29°W) measured 55-kn and 28-ft swells. On the 23d the SEA-LAND PIONEER (40°N, 32°W) had 45-kn winds from the north with 17-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. The GCRZ (46°N, 29°W) measured 52-kn winds also from the north with 33-ft seas and 30-ft swells. On the 24th the HERMOD was now at 45°N, 29°W and measured north-northwesterly 52-kn winds, 20-ft seas and 36-ft swells. The ONAB (47°N, 30°W) had northerly 37-kn winds, 18-ft seas and 33-ft swells.

The storm had penetrated to 40°N, 20°W and



Figure 54.— The secondary center near 47°N, 26°W is the dominate one in the upper air.

had turned back northwestward by the 25th. A few strong gales were still occurring but by the 26th the storm had weakened to less than gale force.

This frontal wave started off Newfoundland on the 26th. At 1800 the VRNZ (52°N, 44°W) had 40-kn winds from the north. On the 27th the AMCO TRADER (46°N, 38°W) measured 45-kn winds and 15-ft waves. At 1200 the storm was 996-mb near 49°N, 33°W. The SANTA CRUZ (50°N, 38°W) had 60-kn northwesterly winds and 20-ft waves. At 1800 the winds were 65 kn and the waves 25 ft. The REYNOLDS (47°N, 33°W) had 25-ft waves. The BISCHOFSTOR (44°N, 25°W) reported 62-kn winds with 20-ft waves on the 28th. The storm was absorbed in the circulation of the next storm on the 29th.

Monster of the Month—This frontal wave was first found on the 0600 chart of the 28th. At 1800 the LUGWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS (42°N, 50°W) found 44-kn winds with 16-ft waves. By 1200 on the 29th the storm was 980 mb near 47°N, 36°W. At 1800 the LUGWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS now at 44°N, 41°W had



Figure 55.— This extratropical storm has an eye similar to a tropical storm.

52-kn northwest winds and 20-ft swells. The NICOLA PROSPERITY (47°N, 34°W) had 55-kn westerly winds. By 1200 on the 30th the storm was 962 mb near 50°N, 28°W (fig. 55). A ship very near the center reported 965.5 mb at 1200 and another 954.3 mb at 0600. There were many high wind and wave reports. The W.A. MATHER (47°N, 28°W) measured 61-kn westerly winds and 38-ft waves, at 1800 the waves were 46 ft. The LACKENBY (49°N, 23°W) measured 52-kn southerly winds with 41-ft waves. There were several reports of about 70-kn but there were either no waves reported to at least partially verify the wind speed or they appeared to be too small for that high of wind. One was the EDITH NIELSEN (61°N, 13°W) with 72 kn from 120° and only 18-ft seas.

On October 1 a second center formed about 600 mi south-southwest of the primary center. The winds were not as strong nor the waves so

high. They were mostly in the gale range with a few of storm force and the waves 15- to 20-ft and a few over 25 ft. Waves up to 20-ft continued into the 2d with 30-ft swells reported near 45°N, 35°W. On the 3d another secondary LOW was south of the primary center. The MAGNUS JENSEN (57°N, 40°W) reported 47-kn northwest winds and 33-ft waves. The storm deteriorated rapidly on the 4th and was gone on the 5th.

Casualties--The platform ALEXANDER L. KIELLAND was finally turned upright near Sandnes, Norway. The BLAVET had a collision in fog off Cape Finisterre. The FEARLESS and GERHARD collided in fog off Portland Bill. The MATHILDA DESCAGNES had ice damage in the Canadian Arctic.

The following ships had weather damage: ATLANTIC EARL, CIUDAD DE MANIZALES, JOHN K., MARGARET CHRISTINA, RIVER HADEJIA, ROVER T., and SARZ.

North Pacific Weather Log

July, August and September 1983

WEATHER LOG, JULY 1983--There were a normal number of extratropical cyclones across the North Pacific. In addition, there were short-lived weak frontal waves that are not shown on the track charts. The primary storm track was northeastward from the southern coast of Japan to near 50°N, 180°. Tracks over the Bering Seas and Gulf of Alaska were dispersed. Most storms dissipated as they neared or crossed coast lines.

The only closed circulation over water on the monthly mean sea-level pressure chart was the 1029-mb Pacific High at 36°N, 155°W (fig. 56). This was 4-mb higher and 300 mi southwest of its normal position. There was a 1007-mb Low north of the Gulf of Shelikhova. Also an anomalous 1016-mb High north of Point Barrow over the Arctic Ocean.

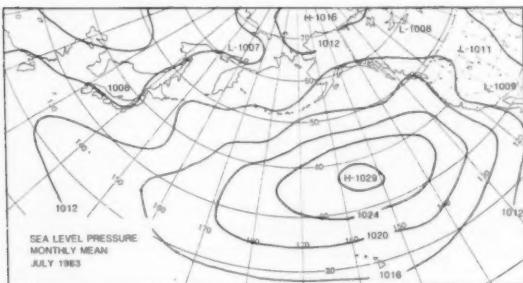


Figure 56.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

The anomaly centers were weak. The deepest was minus 5 mb west of Vancouver Island. There were two plus 3 mb anomaly centers across the central ocean. The High over the Arctic Ocean produced a plus 4-mb center about 300 mi north of Point Barrow.

There were three typhoons over the western ocean, Tip, Vera, and Wayne. There were six tropical cyclones over the eastern ocean;

tropical storms Cosme, Dalila, Erick, and Flossie, plus hurricanes Gil and Henriette.

Some Climatology. On July 30, 1965 the temperature at Portland Oregon reached 107°F to equal their all time record high.

Extratropical Cyclones--The month started out with a normal summer time configuration of pressure systems. There was a strong Pacific High with weak LOWs tracking northeastward from Japan into the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.

The first part of the second week the center of the Pacific High moved to near the northern California coast. Several weak low-pressure centers tracked along the primary climatological storm track. In midweek there were a multitude of pressure centers, especially frontal waves. By the end of the week the Pacific High had again built westward. High pressure was moving out of the Sea of Okhotsk.

During the third week the Pacific High built northwestward to near 45°N, 150°W at 1042 mb. There was another high-pressure center over the central ocean and high pressure dominated the ocean except for the tropical latitudes. By the middle of the third week the Pacific High was centered near 43°N, 165°W. Low pressure centers moved into the Bering Sea. At the end of the week the Pacific High was drifting southward.

During the fourth week the strongest LOW of the month moved from the Tsugaru Strait into the Bering Sea. Other LOWs were weak. The Pacific High drifted eastward. By the end of the month the Pacific High had flattened along latitude 35°N and had multiple centers. LOW centers moved into the Gulf of Alaska.

Monster of the Month--This frontal wave formed on the 1st, south of Tokyo, near latitude 25°N. Quite far south for the summer. At 0000 on the 2d the CORAL ACE near 37°N, 165°E was about midway between the LOW center and a HIGH to the



Figure 57.-- This high altitude cloud view gives the impression that it could support violent weather at the surface.

northeast with 40-kn easterly winds. Her winds were 45-kn on the 3d. The STREAM DOLPHIN (44°N, 173°E) had 38-kn winds from the southeast at 1200. The PACMERCHANT measured 45-kn easterly winds on the 4th near 50°N, 172°E. Nearby, the SANTA CATALINA MARU measured 30-kn winds with 20-ft swells. A British ship (GHUK) near 32°N, 178°E reported 30-ft swells which seems very high. At 0000 on the 5th the storm was 996 mb near 51°N, 173°E (fig. 57).

On the 6th the OSTROV SCHMIDTA (52°N, 163°W) measured 45-kn southerly winds. The storm was moving eastward causing little trouble. The BARBARA FOSS (59°N, 139°W) measured 41 kn southeasterly winds with 15-ft seas. The storm dissipated on the 10th.

This was the remnant of a June storm that redeveloped. For the first 3 days of the month it was quasistationary near 52°N, 138°W. On the 3d it started a counterclockwise loop. On the 5th it was near 54°N, 140°W. The GLACIER BAY (53°N, 133°W) had 33-kn southeasterly winds with 17-ft seas and 23-ft swells. The KENAI (54°N, 136°W) had 40-kn easterly winds with 10-ft seas and 17-ft swells. These were the only reports of gale-force winds and high waves. The storm had its' one last fling and dissipated by the 7th.

These high winds and waves were not caused by low pressure but by high pressure squeezing against the coastal mountains of North America. There was a LOW to the east but it was on the east slope of the Coastal Mountains. On the 14th the Pacific High built northeastward. The GALVESTON (51°N, 131°W) found 35-kn gales, 13-ft seas, and 21-ft swells. At 0000 on the 15th the HIGH was 1039 mb near 44°N, 146°W. The EASTERN MAID (38°N, 123°W) had 52-kn winds from the northwest with 17-ft waves. The sister ship EASTERN MOON measured 40-kn winds and 17-

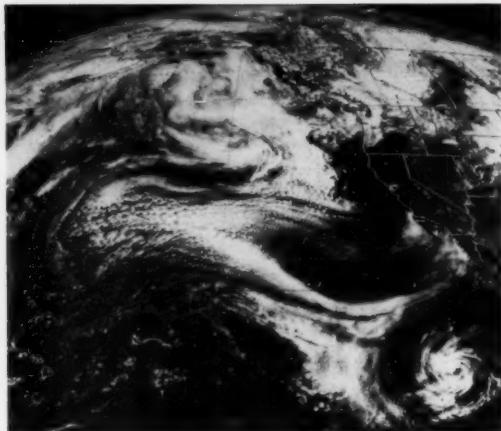


Figure 58.-- This SMS image shows the cloud cover associated with the HIGH. Hurricane Erick is in the lower right corner.

ft waves about 40 mi to the northwest. To the south near 35°N, 123°W the M.P. GRACE measured only 17 kn from the northwest but the swells were 23 ft.

At 0000 on the 16th the HIGH was 1042 mb near 45°N, 150°W (fig. 58). The WMDM (39°N, 125°W) had 40-kn winds from 330° and 15-ft waves. The MARGRETHE MAERSK (37°N, 127°W) found 30-kn winds from 360° with 20-ft waves. At 0000 on the 17th the HIGH was 1040 mb near 45°N, 152°W. The EASTERN MOON (30°N, 118°W) had only 15-kn winds but 26-ft swell from 320° had traveled out of the tight gradient. By the 18th the gradient had relaxed enough that no more gales were being reported.

This storm was born over the Sea of Japan on the 16th. There were a couple of 35-kn gale reports on the 17th. At 0000 on the 18th the 992-mb storm was near 49°N, 161°E. There were several gale reports to the east and southeast of the center. The HOKUSEI MARU (45°N, 170°E) measured 34-kn southerly winds with 23-ft waves. The STAR SINGAPOR (50°N, 175°E) measured 44-kn southeasterly winds with only 8-ft waves.

On the 19th the storm was east of Kamchatka at 990 mb. The JUPITER DIAMOND (48°N, 177°E) measured 42-kn winds from the south and 13-ft waves. The GAMBADA (54°N, 178°E) measured only 27-kn winds from 250° but the swells were 21 ft and they continued into the 20th. The storm weakened rapidly and was no longer of concern.

The Sea of Japan produced this storm on the 20th. It raced along as a frontal wave and at 0000 on the 22d was 996 mb near 41°N, 158°E. The SUNBELT DIXIE measured 40-kn southerly winds east of the center. At 0000 on July 23 the storm was 985 mb near 47°N, 177°E (fig. 59). The SEA-LAND DEVELOPER (44°N, 176°E) had 40-kn winds from the southwest south of the center. A Japanese ship (JFTY) had 45-kn southwest winds and 15-ft waves as the storm moved northwest of their location.



Figure 59.-- A very complicated cloud system. Note that near 48°N, 175°E two layers of clouds cross at 90°.

The storm was over the Bering Sea on the 24th. At 0200 the GALLEON HONOR sent a special observation from 48°N, 177°E reporting 42-ft swell waves. The winds were only 11 kn. The storm was weakening on the 25th and disappeared over the Bering Strait on the 27th.

Casualties--The Taiwan vessel TA YA, No. 2 sank on the 2d in bad weather off northern Taiwan. All the crew was rescued by the PANCHRATNA. The NAM SUNG No. 9 collided with the KINABALU SEBELAS in dense fog on the 20th off Kashima Lighthouse.

The FILIPINAS and MALITAM grounded in Manila Bay during typhoon Vera. The BOB CAT grounded at Tabaco during Vera.

Other Casualties--The JEROME developed a leak in bad weather in the Gulf of Aden. The GOLDEN ENTERPRISE, ITAGIBA, and SHIN HUEI all encountered heavy weather in the vicinity of Durban. The ATLANTIC MARINER collided with a cargo barge at the port of Bushire. The LONTUE suffered surge damage at Lota, Chile due to heavy swell. The NESTOR also suffered damage by contacting barges in heavy weather.

There was bad weather around Australia. The ANSTEAK was missing and sunk. The BRITISH SPIRIT was adrift off the southwest coast. The COOMA capsized off Fremantle when cargo shifted. All crew was rescued. The IRON SHORTLAND was damaged while anchored off Newcastle.

WEATHER LOG, AUGUST 1983--This was a quiet weather month except for tropical cyclones. The cyclones were generally weak and short lived and tended to wander. The main feature they had in common was a southwest to northeast track along the northwest and north rim of the ocean. There was a weak primary track from about 40°N, 160°E into the Bering Sea to Cape Romanzof.

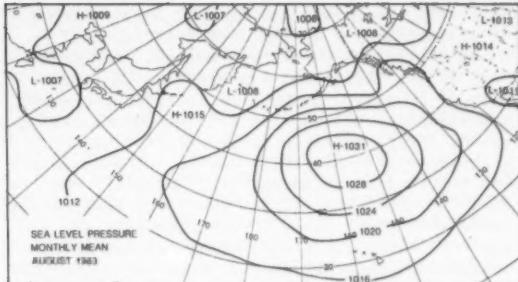


Figure 60.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

The 1031-mb Pacific High was beyond all doubt the primary sea-level pressure feature (fig. 60). It was located near 40°N, 156°W, 6° longitude west of its normal position and 7 mb higher pressure. There was a usual 1008 mb LOW near 54°N, 162°E, about 500 mi southwest of its normal location. There was an anomalous 1015 mb HIGH south of Kamchatka and east of Hokkaido.

The major pressure anomaly center was plus 8 mb near 46°N, 162°W. This large center occupied the ocean between 140°W and 180° and 25° to 60°N. There was a plus 3 mb center associated with the anomalous HIGH and a minus 2 mb center over Kamchatka. The remainder of the ocean was within 2 mb of normal.

At 700 mb the Pacific High was 29 m higher than normal and 200 mi to the north. This produced an abnormal ridge along longitude 160°W. The trough off the North American coast was sharper than normal, as was the trough along longitude 165°E, and farther west.

There were five tropical cyclones over the western ocean; typhoons Abby and Ellen, and tropical storms Ben, Carmen, and Dom. There were three over the eastern ocean; hurricanes Ismael and Kiko, and tropical storm Juliette. Some Climatology. On August 26, 1883, 100 yrs ago, the Krakatoa volcano exploded in the East Indies. There were spectacular red sunsets across the United States in November and December of that year.

Extratropical Cyclones--There were no spectacular extratropical cyclones this month, even for a summer month. The first week opened with the Pacific High building north of Hawaii. There were weak LOWs and frontal waves of the Asian coast and in the Gulf of Alaska. At the end of the week there was a 1032-mb High near 40°N, 165°W. Typhoon Abby was intensifying.

The second week was a replay of the first week with hurricane Ismael over the eastern ocean.

The third week Abby was at her maximum south of Japan. She was extratropical by the end of the week. The Pacific High was weakening and moving eastward.

The fourth week there were multiple weak pressure centers with a deep LOW over the northwest ocean which quickly degenerated. By the end of the week the Pacific High had built westward and intensified. The last days of the month there were two large LOWs, one over the Bering Sea and another over the Gulf of Alaska.

This first storm was the extratropical extension of typhoon Abby. By the 18th Abby was extratropical over northern Honshu. The GREEN MAYA (35°N, 144°E) had southerly 35-km winds with 23-ft seas. By 0000 on the 19th the storm was 988 mb near 39°N, 144°E. The GOLDEN PRINCE (43°N, 152°E) measured 22-kn easterly winds with 13-ft seas and 23-ft swells. The storm was drifting southeastward on the 20th. The NEPTUNE LEO (32°N, 151°E) had 40-kn southwesterly winds with 28-ft waves. The CHEMICARRY No. 6 reported 48-kn northerly winds. By the 1200 analysis the storm had split into two centers. The eastern one raced eastward then northward as the more intense system. The western center took a leisurely trip to the Gulf of Alaska where it finally developed.

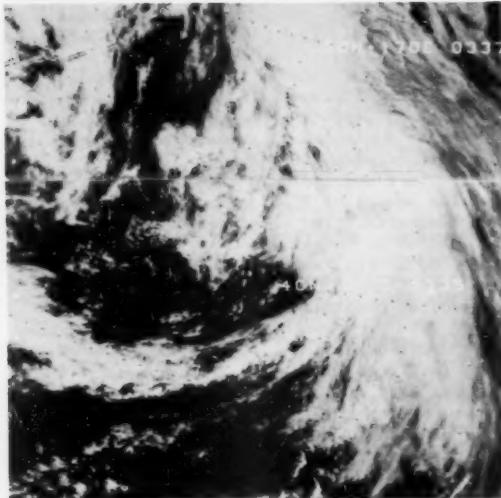


Figure 61.-- Satellite images are a big help in locating weather systems over the oceans, but as in this case surface observations are absolutely necessary to locate the LOW.

On the 21st the eastern LOW was near 40°N, 165°E at 0000 (fig. 61). The CHARLES LYKES (34°N, 166°E) had 30-kn winds and 26-ft waves. The TOWNSEND CROMWELL (41°N, 170°E) measured 44-kn with 20-ft waves. At 0000 on the 22d the storm was 970 mb near 49°N, 165°E. The BUNGA SRIPAGI (48°N, 167°E) measured 48-kn winds from 170° with only 10-ft waves. The JAPAN POPLAR (51°N, 169°E) had 41-kn winds from 150°, 17-ft seas, and 36-ft swells. At 0000 on the 23d her winds were 35 kn from 230°, 17-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The storm was rapidly deteriorating and no longer existed on the 25th.

This is the western center of extratropical Abby. It lead a leisurely life and lived longer. On the 24th the HOHKOKUSAN MARU 36°N, 160°E found 20-ft seas. The storm remained weak but survived and was over the Gulf of Alaska on the 27th. Several ships had gales. The 0000 chart of the 28th showed it had deepened rapidly and



Figure 62.-- There is no doubt where the center of this storm is.

was 984 mb near 54°N, 140°W (fig. 62). The FAIRWEATHER (55°N, 142°W) measured 40-kn northerly winds with 23-ft waves. The BUNGA SRIPAGI, now at 51°N, 141°W estimated the winds as 50 kn. The PORTLAND (57°N, 145°W) had 25-ft swells on the 29th. The storm was moving southeastward off the coast. On the 30th it was 1000 mb near 46°N, 128°W. The HIRATSUKA MARU measured 45-kn winds and 13-ft waves. They were 50-kn on the 31st. The storm disappeared on September 1.

This storm began as a frontal wave in an area of weak gradient near 39°N, 173°E on the 27th as an upper air LOW moved southeastward from Kamchatka, then turned northeastward. The surface LOW intensified quickly under the influence of the upper-air system. The storm was 988 mb near 50°N, 175°E at 1200 on the 28th. The PRESIDENT LINCOLN (49°N, 178°E) measured 40-kn southerly winds with 13-ft seas not far from the center. They were 41-kn with 13-ft seas on the 29th. The EASTERN PACIFIC near 52°N, 168°E measured 48-kn northerly winds. The Chinese BZDN (54°N, 179°E) measured 36-kn southerly winds and 20-ft waves on the 30th. The storm disappeared over the Bering Sea late on the 31st.

The northern Kurile Islands produced this weak LOW beneath an upper-air trough that was rotating around an upper LOW on the 29th. No front was involved. A front did evolve as contrasts developed between northerly and southerly flowing air. The storm was 999 mb at 1200 on the 30th near 42°N, 169°E. The VERMILION HIGHWAY (42°N, 166°E) had 40-kn winds out of the north with 13-ft waves. On the 31st the SEA-LAND ENDURANCE (49°N, 168°E) found only 12-kn winds, 3-ft seas, but 25-ft swells were coming out of the northwest. The SCANDINAVIAN HIGHWAY (42°N, 170°W) had 38-kn gales from the south and 13-ft waves. The storm moved northeastward and dissipated on September 2.

Casualties--Fog was the culprit in most North Pacific casualties. The DASMARINAS and SEIKAN MARU collided off Oshima. The JUNSHO MARU No. 8 and TAISEI MARU No. 8 collided in Fukuoka Bay. The MONISBON and NICKEL MARU No. 2 collided 60 mi south of Tokyo. The NICKEL MARU capsized and two crewmen were missing.

The AMERICAN MONARCH touched bottom at Johnston Island in strong winds. The PROVIDENCE sank in rainy weather 18 mi southeast of Ketchikan. Three of the crew were killed.

An earthquake hit the northern Philippines on the 17th. Most of the 21 people killed were at Laoag in collapsed buildings. A tsunami struck coastal towns on Luzon's northwest coast.

Other Casualties--The following vessels suffered weather related damage in the South Pacific or Indian Ocean. The ELKA reported encountering heavy weather and freak waves the 18th to 20th while 1,000 mi west of Colombo. The KRAKATAU sank in rough seas off Java. Thirty-eight passengers were missing. The OCEAN ENDURANCE reported weather damage at Abidjan. The RIMAC 10 grounded near Lima, Peru. The SUBIRA sank in high winds and seas off Dar-es-Salaam and eight people drowned.

WEATHER LOG, SEPTEMBER 1983--The stronger extratropical cyclones this month were fairly well concentrated in two primary tracks. One stretched from Honshu to about 43°N, 165°E to near 52°N, 170°W. Another from midocean near 33°N, 170°E extended to 52°N, 170°W. From 52°N, 170°W a secondary track stretched to near Kodiak Island. Another secondary track came out of the eastern ocean into Dixon Entrance. These tracks matched climatology fairly well except for the anomalous one northward from the central ocean.

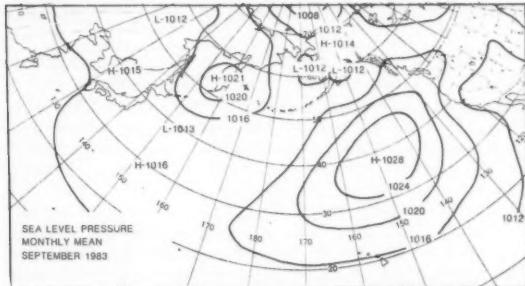


Figure 63.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

The mean sea-level pressure was above normal over the vast majority of the ocean (fig. 63). The prominent 1028 mb Pacific High was near 39°N, 148°W, about 300 mi north and 7 mb higher than normal. There were two small 1012 mb Aleutian Lows, one over Cook Inlet and the other over Nunivak Island. The normal Low is 1006 mb over Bristol Bay. There was an abnormal 1021 mb High over southern Kamchatka replacing a normal 1010 mb Low over northern Sakhalin Island.

The two most prominent anomaly centers were a plus 10 mb over Kamchatka and a plus 8 mb center near 44°N, 148°W. There a weak area of negative pressure off California and a minus 3

mb area centered near 40°N, 173°E. As a matter of interest there was a minus 9 mb anomaly center near 80°N, 160°W. The zero isoline paralleled the Siberian and Alaska Arctic shore line.

There were major differences from climatology in the upper-air pattern at 700 mb. There was a major longwave trough that stretched from a Low near 80°N, 160°W southward to west of Numivak Island, then southwestward to near 28°N, 165°E. There was a shortwave trough off the California Coast. The subtropical High primary center was near 36°N, 153°W, about 280 ft higher than normal and 400 mi to the north.

There were two tropical cyclones over the western ocean, typhoon Forrest and tropical storm Georgia. There were five tropical cyclones over the eastern ocean; hurricanes Lorena, Manuel, and Priscilla, and tropical storms Narda and Octave.

Extratropical Cyclones--The weather was relatively calm except for tropical cyclones the first 3 weeks of the month.

The first half of the first week featured weak pressure centers except for the usual Pacific High. By midweek a High from out of Asia had built creating a high pressure ridge between latitudes 40° and 50°N with centers near 155°W and 165°E. There was a 1038 mb center near 50°N, 180° and a weak Low over the Gulf of Alaska. By the end of the week the HIGH had moved southeastward creating a tight gradient along the North American coast between the HIGH and a LOW that had moved southeastward.

The controlling Pacific High was normal the second week. There were weak pressure centers over the remainder of the ocean. There was a mild Low over the Gulf of Alaska in midweek. At the end of the week there were Lows over the Bering Sea and east of the Tsugaru Strait.

By the middle of the third week the Low off Japan had intensified over the central ocean. At the end of the week the Pacific High had retreated to British Columbia with two weak centers near its normal location (35°N, 155°W). There was low pressure off the California coast, partially the result of the remnants of hurricane Manuel.

The most severe weather occurred the last week of the month. There was a powerful Low off Japan at midweek. The last of the month another strong Low developed over the midocean, and extratropical Forrest became a severe storm.

The first high winds and waves of the month were associated with the Pacific High and a small rapidly deepening and intense Low over the Queen Charlotte Islands. On September 4, the Pacific High was 1034 mb near 41°N, 149°W. There was also a 1037-mb HIGH near 48°N, 168°E. There was an east-west trough over the south coast of Alaska. At 1800 the CHEVRON CALIFORNIA (57°N, 141°W) measured 45-kn westerly winds with 10-ft waves. The MOBILIOIL (40°N, 125°W) had northerly 55-kn winds with 23-ft waves. On the 0000 chart of the 5th a frontal wave had formed north of and between the two HIGHS. It raced eastward to the Canadian Coast on the 6th (fig. 64).

The following description of the encounter

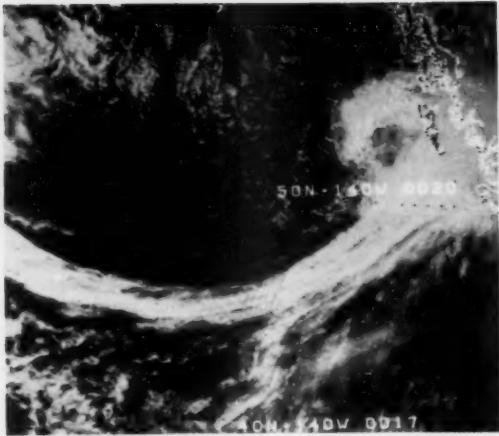


Figure 64.-- This how the storm would have looked to Capt. Dalton if he had been aboard the satellite rather than the EXXON HOUSTON.

with this storm by the EXXON HOUSTON was sent by Captain Craig N. Dalton.

Dear Sir:

On the night of 5 Sept. 1983, this vessel did encounter hurricane force winds and heavy seas and was forced to slow down to prevent possible structural damage. The following are the order of events for that night:

All times are ZD +7

- 1905 In approximate position L53-00N Long 135-49W. Wind from SW at 10 kn.
- 1910 Wind veered suddenly to NW up to 70 kn immediately.
- 1912 Experienced sustained winds of 80 kn with gusts to 94 kn. Sea blown down flat. Wind then veered slightly to NNW.
- 1913 Barometer, which had been falling quite rapidly since early morning, bottomed out in a rapid drop to 988.5 mb.
- 1918 Winds had decreased slightly to steady 70 kn.
- 1928 Winds veered to Nly at 70 kn.
- 1935 Winds decreased slightly to 60 kn, seas started to build from NNW.
- 2015- Sustained winds of 50 kn with gusts to 60-2045 kn.
- 2107 Slowed to 80 RPM due to rapidly building NWly swells of 15-20 ft.
- 2300 Seas continued to build 20-25 ft.
- 2400 Seas started to diminish.

The big surprise to all, was the rapid intensification of this low, and the extremely high winds involved, which were totally unpredicted by forecasters. We sent a weather message to METEO VANCOUVER telling them of the present conditions, but these were never reflected in later maps or reports. I have enclosed a copy of our barograph (figs. 65 and 66).

I hope these might be of service to you or the Weather Log.

Sincerely,
Craig N. Dalton
Master

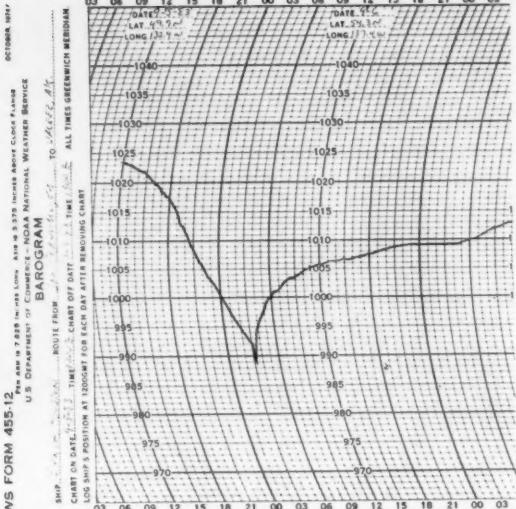


Figure 65.-- The barograph trace aboard the EXXON HOUSTON on the 5th and 6th.

Radiogram Via 

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FROM EXXON HOUSTON KBHA
TO METEO VANCOUVER

IN POS 53-17N 135-19W ENCOUNTERED LOW OF 988.5 MB- GUSTS
TO 94 KTS FROM NW-NNW STEADY WINDS OF 70 KTS SINCE 0300Z.

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Figure 66.-- The radio message sent to METEO VANCOUVER.

The ALETTA (56°N, 148°W) measured only 21-kn winds but reported 33-ft swells at 0600 on the 5th. At 1800 the PRESIDENT MCKINLEY (39°N, 126°W) found 45-kn northerly winds and 12-ft waves. The winds continued into the 6th. The high pressure had consolidated into one 1034-mb center near 52°N, 165°W. The LOW dissipated over the mountains on the 7th.

On the 7th the HIGH was moving rapidly southward. The EXXON NEW ORLEANS (40°N, 125°W) measured 45-kn northerly winds with 12-ft waves. The EASTERN MOON (39°N, 124°W) measured 55-kn northerly winds and 13-ft waves on the 8th. By the 9th the gradient along the coast had weakened.

This was a long-lived storm especially for an early fall month. It came out of China over the Yellow Sea on the 8th. It traveled to Alaska to dissipate on the 22d. The storm was over the Tsugaru Strait on the 12th. At 1200 on the 14th the storm was 984-mb near 45°N, 159°E. The MAIN EXPRESS (42°N, 153°E) measured 51-kn westerly winds with 17-ft seas. At 1800 the ARCTIC TOKYO (49°N, 159°E) measured 45-kn winds from the north-east. On the 15th, several ships had gales up to 40-kn and there were two reports of 23-ft waves north of the center. The ALASKAN MAIL (51°N, 166°E) found 40-kn northeasterly winds on the 16th.

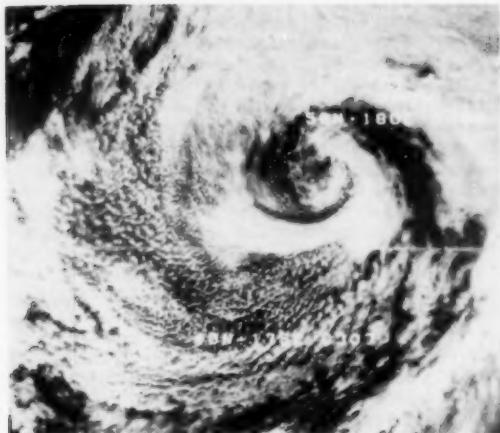


Figure 67.— The stronger winds were found north and east of the center of this storm.

The storm was 986 mb near 49°N, 173°E at 0000 on the 17th (fig. 67). The VAN CONQUEROR (54°N, 180°) measured 55-kn easterly winds which increased to 66-kn with 13-ft seas on the 18th. The JAPAN APOLLO (43°N, 177°E) found 20-ft swells on the 17th. The DISCOVERER (54°N, 158°W) measured 42-kn easterly winds and 20-ft seas on the 18th. The ALEUTIAN DEVELOPER (55°N, 162°W) measured 56-kn winds from the east with 15-ft seas and 17-ft swells. The storm had filled to 992 mb by 0000 on the 19th but still had a large circulation. The KWLR (59°N, 140°W) reported 51-kn easterly winds and 12-ft waves. The PRESIDENT GRANT (52°N, 153°W) had 45-kn southerly winds and 20-ft waves. On the 20th the UNITED SPIRIT (54°N, 151°W) found 42-kn winds, 18-ft seas and 25-ft swells.

The storm was very weak on the 21st except east of the front as it pressed against a stubborn 1034 mb anomalous cell of the Pacific High. The HOHSING BREEZE (50°N, 147°W) was caught in this tight gradient with 42-kn winds and 25-ft seas and swells. The storm disappeared over the Yukon on the 22d.

This incipient storm was first analyzed on the 0000 chart of the 22d off Tokyo. It intensified rapidly over the warm Kuroshio Current. It was 996 mb at 0000 of the 23d. Several ships had gale to storm force winds with waves up to 25 ft. At 0000 on the 24th the storm was 972 mb near 43°N, 164°E (fig. 68). There were many strong winds and high waves in all quadrants. The CORNUCOPIA (44°N, 162°E) had 52-kn east winds, 18-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. The Soviet ship UOYB (42°N, 163°E) measured 45-kn southwest winds and 33-ft swells.

The storm had turned northward and slowed on the 24th but turned back eastward by the 25th and picked up speed again and weakened. On the 25th and 26th there were a few gale reports. On the 27th the storm was only 990 mb over the Bering Sea. The TA PENG No. 2 was far to the southwest (42°N, 163°E) with 44-ft swells out of the west, probably propagated from typhoon Forrest over

Japan. On the 28th, a ship (PGDW) at 39°N, 165°W also had light winds with 36-ft swells from the west as the storm dissipated.



Figure 68.— Many winter storms are no more severe than this one.

As the storm above was dissipating a new surface LOW was analyzed near 38°N, 172°E on the 0000 chart of the 28th. It was triggered by an upper-air trough moving around the major LOW. At 0600 the GLORIOUS ACE (37°N, 180°) had 38-kn southerly winds and the British ship VRJJ (38°N, 175°E) found 44-kn westerly winds and 16-ft seas.

By 0000 of the 29th the storm was 972 mb near 48°N, 174°W. There were quite a few storm-force wind reports and three near 60-kn. The KYOKUSHO MARU (45°N, 172°W) measured 61-kn southerly winds and 26-ft waves. The other two were the SAMRAT ASHOK (42°N, 173°W) and the IKAN KERISI (54°N, 175°W). The PIONEER No. 3 (39°N, 166°W) had 33-ft waves. Cold Bay Alaska measured 72 mi/hr winds. On the 30th the storm was near Cape Romanzof at 962 mb. The winds were gales. The ALEUTIAN DEVELOPER (55°N, 158°W) had 42-kn southerly winds and 28-ft waves. On October 1 the storm was north of the Bering Strait.

This storm was the extratropical continuation of typhoon Forrest. By 0000 on September 29 Forrest was extratropical near 35°N, 145°E. Two ships near 35°N, 153°E had 50-kn winds and 13-ft seas. One was the HOEGH CAIRN. By 0000 on the 30th the storm was 968 mb near 41°N, 169°E (fig. 69). There were many strong winds this day. The VRJJ (36°N, 166°E) measured 48-kn winds with 36-ft seas. The SEA-LAND VOYAGER also near 36°N, 166°E measured 50-kn winds with 25-ft seas, and 28-ft swells. The PACBARONESS (42°N, 174°E) measured 47-kn easterly winds with 18-ft waves. On October 1 the storm was 974 mb near 49°N, 177°W. The DAIHO MARU (44°N, 176°E) had 54-kn out of the northwest with 23-ft waves. The SHIMA MARU (47°N, 178°E) had 53 kn northwesterly winds. The YUKO MARU (49°N, 178°W) measured only 38-kn winds but



Figure 69.— The low clouds indicate there may have been some kind of wave near 38°N, 165°E.

the swell was 33-ft. On October 2, a ship near 52°N, 167°W had 48-kn winds from the northwest but the 33-ft swell was still out of the southwest.

Several other ships had gales. The NICHIBU MARU (51°N, 168°W) also measured 38-kn winds with 33-ft swells from the northwest at 0600. At 1200 buoy 46003 measured 25-ft waves as the storm was over Kodiak. The storm was 990 mb as it moved along the southwest of Alaska on the 3d. Buoy 46001 also measured 25-ft waves in approximately the same relative position to the center as 46003 earlier. The GLACIER BAY (55°N, 136°W) had 40-kn winds and 23-ft waves. The storm stalled near 57°N, 140°W on the 4th and gradually dissipated.

Casualties—The tanker BROOKLYN departed Valdez September 3 and reported heavy weather damage on the 4th. The GULF BEAUFORT encountered ice and suffered damage in the Beaufort Sea. The MARATHA MARINER encountered heavy weather on the 24th enroute to Japan. The EASTSUN LOYAL ran aground off Sanbonmatsu Lighthouse during typhoon Forrest. The GRAND NAVIGATOR reported it sustained weather damage on the 8th and 9th.

Other Casualties—The ARTHUR PHILLIP sustained heavy weather damage enroute to Sydney. The barge VATSY 2 had weather damage off Madagascar. The KESTREL had weather damage on the 10th off Kenya.

The drilling platform KEY BISCAYNE sank 5 mi off the west Australian coast 75 mi north of Perth in 30-ft waves on September 1.

Hurricane Alley

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THE BARQUE HOPE CHRONICLE

From Captain W. E. Williams of North Wales comes an account of the HOPE's encounter in August of 1887 with a North Atlantic hurricane. The account was written by Ada Williams, daughter of the master -- Captain John Williams.

The ship actually encountered two North Atlantic hurricanes. On the 14th squalls from hurricane No. 4 reached gale force and seas were mountainous. The upper main top sail was ripped to shreds before it could be secured. The storm's center was about 200 mi north of the ship. It outraced the vessel the following day. The HOPE headed west northwestward and the weather was fine, until the 19th when hurricane No. 5 closed in on the vessel (fig. 70). Conditions temporarily improved on the 20th as the storm passed the ship. However, the HOPE turned northward on the 22d and cut off the now slowly recurving hurricane -- a move that threatened the ships' safety as told in this edited narrative.

Friday, August 19, 1887

Early morning, wind backing to northward and increasing to whole gale. At 6 a.m. we took in topsail and mainsail under reefed topsail and foresail. Wind increasing and gradually backing to westward. Much spray passing over ship. At midnight winds out of northwest occasionally reaching force 10 and rain heavy.

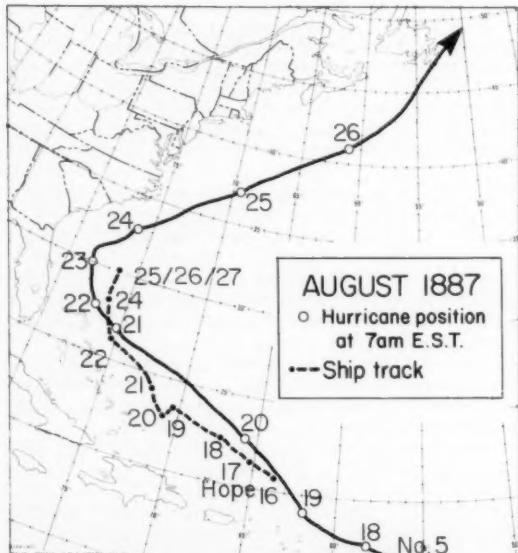


Figure 70.— The track of tropical cyclone no. 5 and the barque HOPE during August 1887.

Saturday, August 20

Squalls with violent gusts and heavy rain showers continue as winds back to southwest. The glass is steady at 998.9 mb. At noon we set reefed main topsail as winds become unsteady. High seas in from south. Winds south southwest-erly and strong at 8 p.m.; set foresail. At midnight strong winds backing to southeastward.

Sunday, August 21

4 p.m.: Heavy squalls accompanied by heavy showers of rain throughout the day, wind south, barometer 995.6 mb. At 6 p.m. set main topsail; full wind backing to southeast with glass gradually rising -- midnight, 1004.1 mb.

Monday, August 22

Wind moderating and gradually falling to fresh gale. At 8 a.m. set main topgallant sail; at noon took in main topgallant sail -- barometer fell to 998.9 and continuing to fall. Whole gale -- frightful squalls at times. 11:30 p.m. -- call all hands to heave to; the ship is on starboard tack as we are not able to steer. Tried to take in lower main topsail but wind has blown it to ribbons. We put best tarpaulin in rigging as ship is laying over very much and gale increasing from southeast.

Tuesday, August 23

4 a.m. -- ship laying with nothing but tarpaulin in the mizzen rigging. Pumps constant but water gaining slightly and washing over port side ballast. Barometer 965.8 mb and falling, gales increase steadily. At 10 a.m. it is decided to lower weather anchor (starboard) to help keep ship up to the wind and head the sea from the southeast -- which is tremendous -- and also to help keep her upright. Now barometer 951.6 mb, gales increasing, port side ballast is now mud washing up between deck beams as ship falls between seas. Barometer 1 p.m. 939.7 mb. Pumps constantly running and hands bailing out with buckets. Water is gaining fast in spite of everything we can do. At 2 p.m. storm is full hurricane force, glass at 921.8 mb. Impossible to understand the force of the wind and the wretched appearance of everything except for those experiencing it. We are utterly unable to do anything more than to try and keep the pumps running. If this continues much longer the ship must turn over. Port ballast is mud and half the starboard ballast washed into water, which is 5 feet deep in lee bilge. 3 p.m. -- barometer 921.1 mb. Water has torn bilge covers so it has a free hold everywhere. At 3:30 p.m. glass has been steady since 2 p.m. so storm must be at full height; pumping and bailing all the time without easing and raining very hard. 4 p.m. -- in the last 10 minutes wind has gone and now dead calm, all water and ballast to starboard. At 5 p.m. ship listing 45 degrees; light breeze springing up from east backing gradually to north and sky appearing very ugly. Time 8 p.m.: wind northwest and increasing to hurricane force again. By 10 p.m. glass is rising wind blowing harder than ever, driving ballast to port. Midnight: barometer 948.2 mb and rising fast -- wind blowing something fearful.

Wednesday, August 24

At 4 a.m. wind slackening off and sky clearing --barometer 961.7 mb and rising. In daylight ship has heavy list to starboard, strong breeze with heavy cross swell from northwest and southeast. Ship rolling and straining as mud and water washes from side to side. Starboard pump brass chamber cracked so hands kept busy bailing out. The only alternative now is to cut away the masts for preservation of life and ship as ship has a fearful list to starboard. Mud and water washing up to the tween deck as ship rolls. At 3 p.m. strong breeze gradually falling away, but ship still making water rapidly. Cut away fore top-mast, main topgallant mast and mizzen topmast with all attached. Ship greatly relieved but still heavy list. By 6 p.m. barometer 998.9 mb, very little wind but still heavy cross swells. Midnight: wind gone but bailing out all the time.

Thursday, August 25

Daylight -- water in hold has not gained much over night. Heavy swell still running. By 7 p.m. got water down to 1 foot above remainder of ballast. Port side pump finally moved to starboard and working.

Friday, August 26

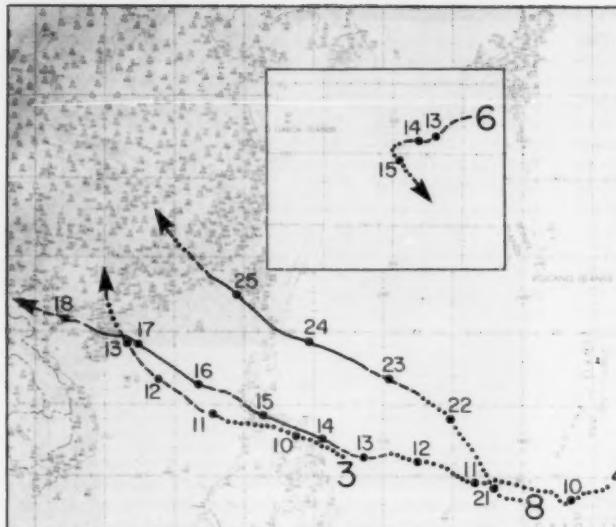
Ship pumped out dry as possible. Light airs from east made sailing possible after which the men were called to heave in the anchor to the boat. They refused to do so on the plea of being too weak after all the pumping and bailing day and night for the last several days. They agreed to heave in to the 15th shackle to slip it. Today was the first day good enough to look around. Found that all the oakum is out of seams from gunwale to copper, right round. Under the stern all joints of planks entirely apart leaving all the rudder trunking clean adrift, daylight streaming right through on the poop. All the after part of the poop, both deck gunwale hatches and gear quite adrift; one sea striking the rudder entirely disabled the steering gear. Light air and fine weather continues.

Saturday, August 27

8 a.m. -- ship under weigh with the number of sails that are left. Vessel sighted on port bow. The crew came aft and wanted the ensign to be put as a signal of distress, feeling that the HOPE is unseaworthy after losing most of her ballast. The AGRA of Christiania, Norway came to assist. The crew and their effects were put on board the AGRA. The position of the HOPE when left was 29.58°N, 76.50°W.

TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY

The tropical cyclone tracks (figs. 71 to 72) and the summaries are based upon information provided by Ted Tsui of the Naval Environmental Prediction Research Facility, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, the Eastern North Pacific Hurricane Center, the Central Pacific Hurricane Center and the North Atlantic Hurricane Center. Detailed summaries for North Atlantic tropical



GLOBAL TROPICAL CYCLONES ORIGINATING JULY 1983

NO.	NAME	INTENSITY	DATE
1.	COSME	T	JULY 2-5
2.	DALILA	T	JULY 5-12
3.	Tip	H	JULY 9-13
4.	VERA	H	JULY 9-18
5.	ERICK	H	JULY 12-16
6.	OIS-84	T	JULY 12-15
7.	FLOSSIE	T	JULY 17-21
8.	WAYNE	H	JULY 20-25
9.	GIL	H	JULY 23-AUG. 5
10.	HENRIETTE	H	JULY 27-AUG. 6

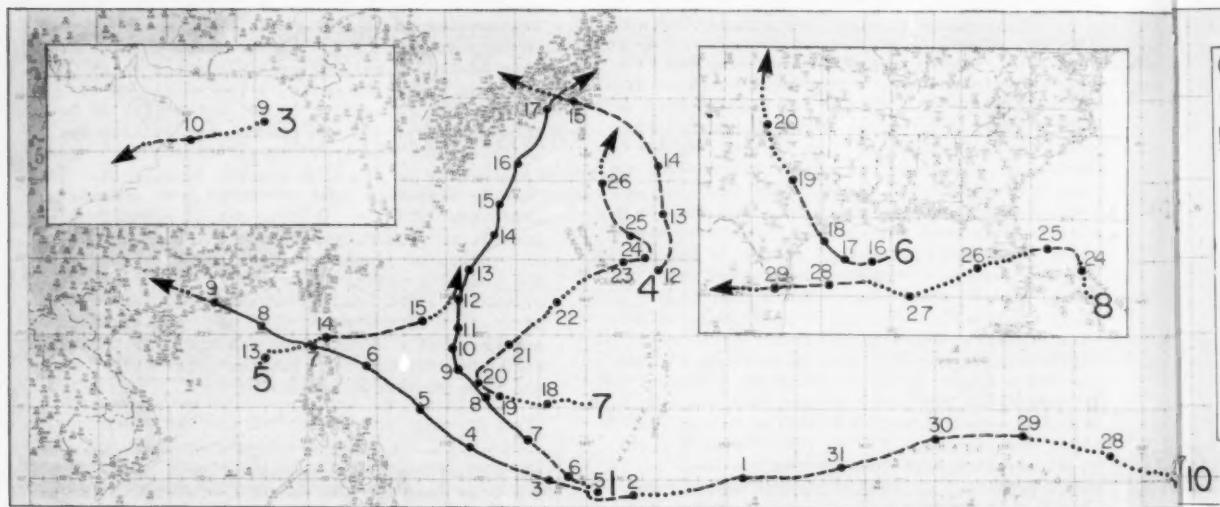


Figure 71.-- Tropical cyclone tracks for July and August, 1983.

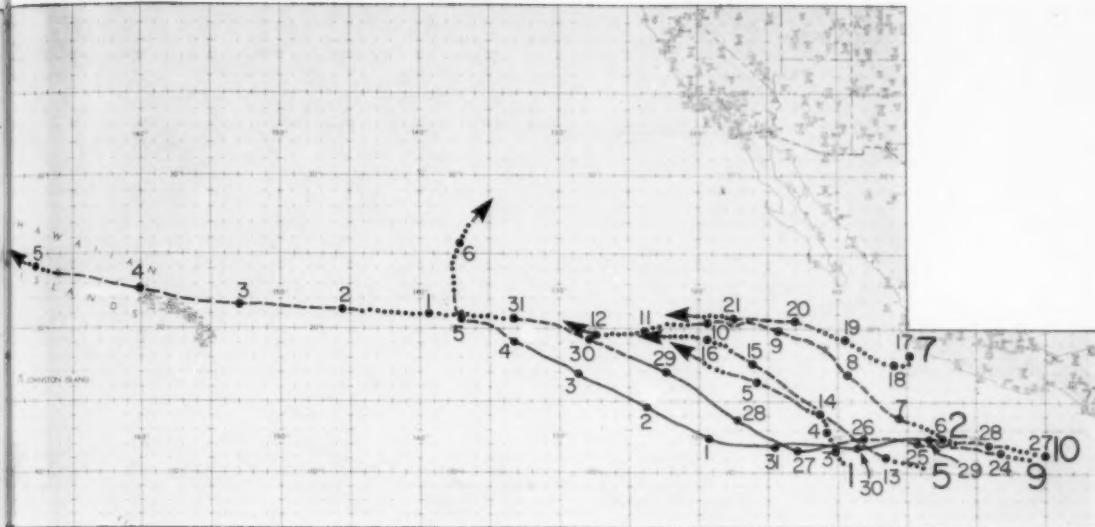
cyclones may be found in the annual article on page 10 of this issue.

TROPICAL CYCLONES--JULY 1983

World-wide activity was above normal for this month thanks in large part to the development of six eastern North Pacific tropical cyclones. This compensated for the below normal activity in the western part of that ocean. A maverick South Indian Ocean tropical storm accounted for the remainder of the month's statistics table 5.

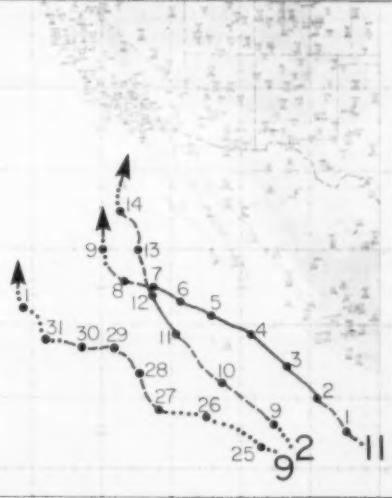
Tip developed southeast of Manila on the 9th but intensified in the South China Sea after

crossing the Philippines. On the 11th the STENAOCEANICA encountered 50-kn winds about 40 mi northwest of the center. Tip was most intense on the evening of the 11th when a reconnaissance aircraft reported 70-kn winds and a surface pressure of 977 mb. The following day Tip passed about 50 mi northeast of Xisha where sustained winds of 48 kn and a 999.3-mb pressure were recorded. Vera meanwhile was developing in the Philippine Sea. She swept across the Philippines on the 14th, generating 80-kn winds near her center. The storm passed 10 mi southwest of Manila, on the 15th, where



GLOBAL TROPICAL CYCLONES ORIGINATING AUGUST 1983

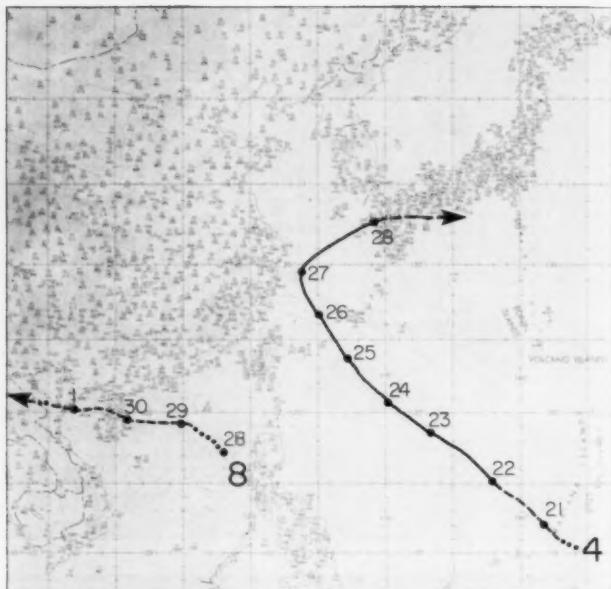
NO.	NAME	INTENSITY	DATES
1.	ABBY	H	AUG. 5-17
2.	ISMAEL	H	AUG. 8-14
3.	AURORA	T	AUG. 9-10
4.	BEN	T	AUG. 12-15
5.	CARMEN	T	AUG. 12-15
6.	ALICIA	H	AUG. 15-20
7.	DOM	T	AUG. 17-26
8.	BARRY	H	AUG. 23-29
9.	JULIETTE	T	AUG. 24-SEPT. 1
10.	ELLEN	H	AUG. 27-SEPT. 9
11.	KIKO	H	AUG. 31 - SEPT. 9



sustained winds reached 52 kn with a 990.2-mb pressure. The MALITAM (fig. 73) ran aground in Manila Bay as did the MONARCH, BADJAO, LUZON and FILIPINAS. At the Manila breakwater the tugs JUGHEAD and GRAYLING grounded. At TABACO the BOBCAT and DONWILLIY were driven aground. The American container vessel AMERICAN SPARTAN grounded at Subic and was refloated on the 20th. The DON SALVADOR III and the LUMBERJACK collided at Limay. According to press reports Vera was responsible for 106 deaths in the Philippines with 138 people missing. Most of the fatalities were on the Bataan Peninsula on the west shore of Manila Bay, where huge waves wiped out coastal villages. Total damage was

estimated at \$9 million.

After weakening, Vera re-intensified over the South China Sea. Early on the 17th maximum winds were estimated at 90 kn before Vera plowed into Hainan. She passed about 30 mi south of Haikou where a 975.5-mb pressure was recorded. The storm moved ashore and spread much needed rain over several areas of Vietnam on the 18th. The only other western North Pacific storm was typhoon Wayne whose winds reached 135 kn on the 24th as he moved into the Bashi Channel; central pressure fell to 921 mb. That same day the NEDDLLOYD FRANKLIN reported winds of 36 kn some 90 mi south of the center. On the 25th the typhoon landed about 30 mi southwest of Xiamen



GLOBAL TROPICAL CYCLONES ORIGINATING SEPTEMBER 1983

NO.	NAME	INTENSITY	DATES
1.	LORENA	H	SEPT. 6-14
2.	CHANTAL	H	SEPT. 10-15
3.	MANUEL	H	SEPT. 12-20
4.	FORREST	H	SEPT. 20-28
5.	NARDA	T	SEPT. 21-OCT. 1
6.	DEAN	T	SEPT. 26-30
7.	OCTAVE	T	SEPT. 27-OCT. 2
8.	GEORGIA	T	SEPT. 28-OCT. 1
9.	PRISCILLA	H	SEPT. 30-OCT. 7

Figure 72.-- Tropical cyclone tracks for September, 1983.

Table 5.--Global tropical cyclone summary July, August, and September 1983

No.	Name	Est. max. wind (kn)	Basin	Dates
July 1983				
1.	Cosme	35	Ern. N. Pacific	2-5
2.	Dalilia	60	Ern. N. Pacific	6-12
3.	Tip	70	Wrn. N. Pacific	9-13
4.	Vera	90	Wrn. N. Pacific	9-18
5.	Erick	55	Ern. N. Pacific	12-16
6.	01S-84	45	S. Indian	12-15
7.	Flossie	50	Ern. N. Pacific	17-21
8.	Wayne	135	Wrn. N. Pacific	20-25
9.	Gil	80	Ern. N. Pacific	23-Aug. 5
10.	Henrietta	115	Ern. N. Pacific	27-Aug. 6
August 1983				
1.	Abby	145	Wrn. N. Pacific	5-17
2.	Ismael	85	Ern. N. Pacific	8-14
3.	Aurora	45	N. Indian	9-10
4.	Ben	50	Wrn. N. Pacific	12-15
5.	Carmen	45	Wrn. N. Pacific	12-15
6.	Alicia	100	N. Atlantic	15-20
7.	Don	55	Wrn. N. Pacific	17-26
8.	Barry	70	N. Atlantic	23-29
9.	Juliette	50	Ern. N. Pacific	24-Sept. 1
10.	Ellen	125	Wrn. N. Pacific	27-Sept. 9
11.	Kiko	125	Ern. N. Pacific	31-Sept. 9
September 1983				
1.	Lorena	100	Ern. N. Pacific	6-14
2.	Chantal	65	N. Atlantic	10-15
3.	Manuel	100	Ern. N. Pacific	12-20
4.	Forrest	150	Wrn. N. Pacific	20-28
5.	Narda	50	Ern. N. Pacific	21-Oct. 1
6.	Dean	55	N. Atlantic	26-30
7.	Octave	45	Ern. N. Pacific	27-Oct. 2
8.	Georgia	55	Wrn. N. Pacific	28-Oct. 1
9.	Priscilla	100	Ern. N. Pacific	30-Oct. 7

on the China coast. Thunderstorms and heavy rain caused severe flooding in Fujian and Guangdong. According to press reports a total of 105 people were killed, 440 were injured and some 30 thousand houses collapsed.

In the eastern North Pacific two of the six tropical cyclones reached hurricane strength -- Gil and Henriette. Both these late month storms originated in the same area within 4 days of one another. Both traveled a similar path until about 135°W, where Gil continued westward toward the Hawaiian Islands while Henriette recurved northward and weakened. Her maximum winds had reached 115 kn on the 31st while Gil's had climbed to 80 kn in the same area on the 27th. On the 1st Gil moved into the Central Pacific region as a tropical depression after weakening over the cooler waters between 120°W and 140°W. Moving westward he slowly regained his strength. Maximum winds near the center reached 40 kn as Gil approached Kauai and Oahu where winds remained light. There was little or no damage as a result of Gil's passage. A few heavy showers occurred mainly over Kauai and heavy surf pounded the east and northeast shores of the two islands.

The South Indian Ocean storm was unusual for this time of the year. Since 1965 only one other tropical cyclone developed in July in this basin.

TROPICAL CYCLONES--AUGUST 1983

This was the most active of the 3 mo as eleven tropical cyclones developed across the northern hemisphere; six of these reached hurricane intensity including the two in the North Atlantic.

The worst storm was typhoon Abby which developed in the Philippine Sea and moved northward to Japan. Her maximum winds reached 145 kn on the 8th and 9th and she remained at super-typhoon strength (130 kn or more) most of those

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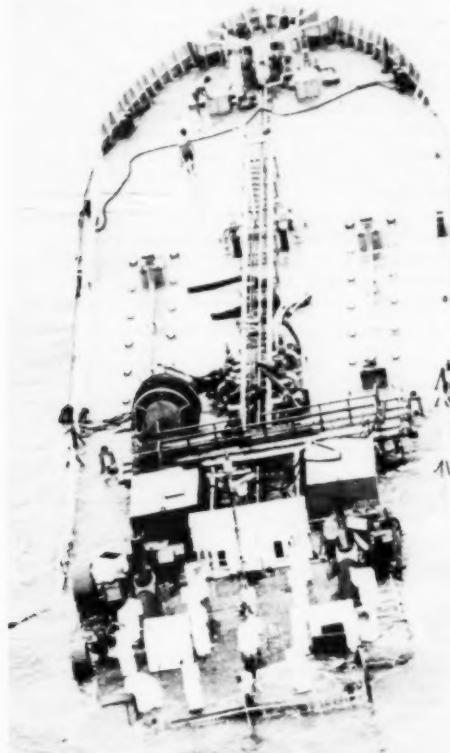
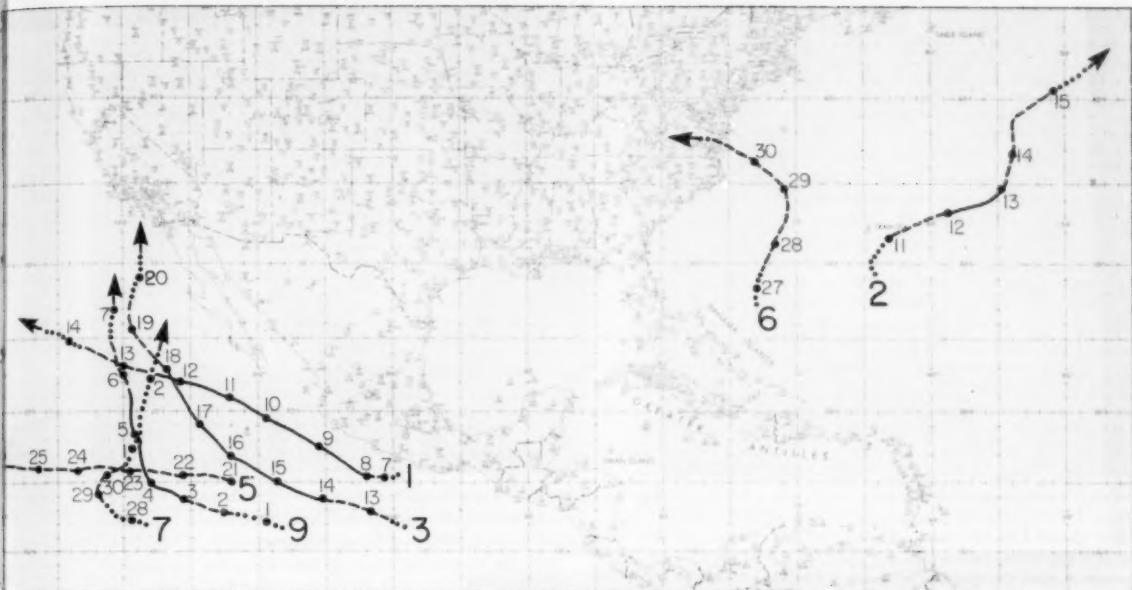


Figure 73.-- The tanker MALITAM lies in the shallow waters of Manila Bay after running aground at the height of typhoon Vera. Wide World Photo.

two days. The LNG ARIES, built in 1977, sustained minor damage from the storm a few days later. Abby approached Japan on the 16th, causing a suspension of unloading operations at Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya and other ports in central Japan. Two days prior to Abby's arrival tropical storm Ben moved across Honshu bringing strong winds and torrential rains. Abby dumped more than 36 in. of rain over ports on Honshu, triggering numerous floods and landslides. From the two storms it was estimated that about 50 people died, mostly by drowning. Late in the month typhoon Ellen developed east of 180° and made a long trek across the Pacific that took 2 weeks.

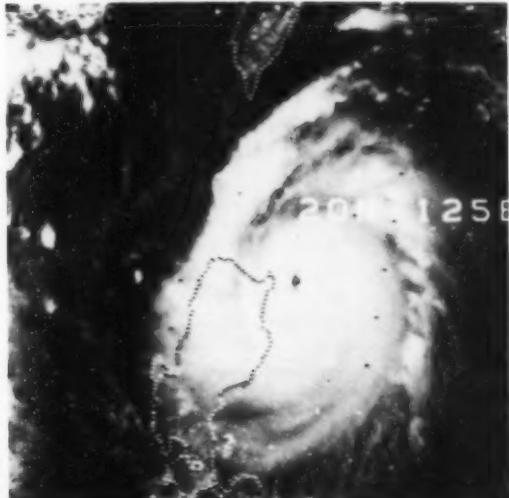


Figure 74.-- Typhoon Ellen is approaching the Balintang Channel on the 6th.

Typhoon Ellen did not reach typhoon strength until September 3. She continued to intensify as she moved west northwestward through the Philippine Sea toward the Balintang Channel. On the 6th winds were estimated at 125 kn near her 928-mb center (fig. 74). Off the Philippines several Taiwanese fishing boats capsized and 21 crewmen lost their lives. Ellen weakened in the Balintang Channel; on the 7th a reconnaissance aircraft reported a 966-mb pressure; surface winds were estimated at 80-85 kn. Ellen passed about 15 mi southwest of Dongsha on the morning of the 8th. Two fishing junks capsized and thirteen others went aground. Of the crewmen 146 were accounted for while 46 were missing. Late on the 8th the FRANKFURT EXPRESS reported a 52-kn wind about 80 mi northeast of the center. Ellen came closest to Hong Kong on the morning of the 9th when her center passed about 7 mi off the southwestern tip of Lantau Island. Her eye was over Macau for about 25 min and winds there dropped to 15 kn. Maximum winds of 52 kn with a minimum sea level pressure of 970 mb were recorded at Macau. Some 16 people lost their lives and about 50 sampans and junks capsized. Ellen then moved into Guangdong causing heavy damage to eight counties in that province. At total of 16 people were killed with 16 others missing in Zuhai, Shenzhen and Panyu. The water level of Zhu Jiang near Guangzhou rose to 2.42 m, the highest since 1942.

At the height of the typhoon 27 ships totalling 185 thousand tons ran aground, mainly in north Lantau and the Kau Yi Chau area. The stern of the Singapore freighter GOLDEN FORTUNE one of five ships aground at Kau Ti Chan was partly awash. The 442-ton cargo ship CITY OF LOBITO same close to slamming into a modern beachside apartment complex on Tung Wan, Cheung Chau. The PACIFIC CORAL was stranded on a bank off northern Lantau while the container ship ZIM MANILA II crunched high on the rocks at Hei Ling Chau. Ellen's toll on shipping, in terms of numbers, reached those of typhoon Rose in 1971 and typhoon Wanda in 1962. Table 6 compares Ellen with some

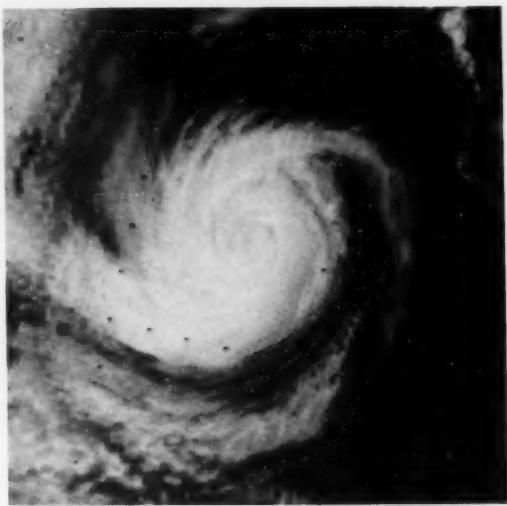


Figure 75.-- Heading west-northwestward Kiko is still a hurricane on September 6.

major typhoons affecting Hong Kong.

Of the three eastern North Pacific tropical cyclones, Ismael and Kiko reached hurricane strength. While they formed more than 3 weeks apart both traveled a similar course. Ismael's winds climbed to 85 kn on the 11th after he crossed the 20th parallel. Kiko was much stronger (fig. 75). After reaching hurricane intensity late on September 1, he developed explosively and maximum winds jumped to 125 kn near his center on the 3d. However, Kiko was on a northwesterly track that was taking him over cooler water and on the 7th he fell to tropical storm strength.

On the 9th Aurora came to life in the Arabian Sea. The short-lived system reached tropical storm strength that same day. Generating 45-kn winds Aurora crossed the coast of Oman the following day. It was reported that a total of

Table 6.-- A comparison of typhoon Ellen with a few other major typhoons.

Stations Typhoons	Maximum wind speeds in knots				Duration in hours of		Rainfall in mm	Storm surge in metres	
	Royal Observatory	Hong Kong Airport	Waglan Island	Cheung Chau	Gales	Hurricane force winds		Royal Observatory	Tai Po Kau
Wanda 1962	72(140)	58(123)	80(117)	64(125)	14	1	262.8(31 Aug-2 Sep)	3.2	-
Rose 1971	55(121)	66(114)	76(102)	71(105)	15	3	340.9(16-17 Aug)	1.0	1.2
Hope 1979	40(94)	62(98)	78(107)	63(100)	6	2	287.4(2-4 Aug)	3.2	1.5
Ellen 1983	50(100)	60(110)	91(122)	92(128)	18	8	231.8(8-10 Sep)	1.7	1.8
Remarks	Maximum 60-minute mean winds with maximum gust peak speed in brackets				Due to the exposure of the anemometer at Waglan Island, hourly mean winds of ≥ 39 and ≥ 68 knots are taken to be equivalent to gales and hurricane force winds near sea level respectively. (Ref: R.O.Tech.Note No.45)		Rainfall directly attributable to the typhoon	* no records	

30 local fishing boats were lost at sea.

TROPICAL CYCLONES--SEPTEMBER 1983

Of the nine tropical cyclones to develop this month only two came to life in the western North Pacific -- a basin that averages five. Activity in the eastern portion, however, was above normal but with North Atlantic development slightly below normal, the month in general was slack.

The most potent storm was typhoon Forrest with his 150-kn winds on the 23d. He was at super-typhoon strength from the 22d until the 24th (fig. 76). On the 26th about 100 mi west of the typhoon's center the SEA LAND DEFENDER encountered 77-kn northerly winds in 39-ft seas. The EASTSUN LOYAL with 18,693 tons of logs bound for China ran aground near the Sanbonmatsu Lighthouse at Maizuru, Japan but was refloated safely on the 28th. With the approach of typhoon Forrest the ship sought shelter at Mazuru where it unfortunately ran aground again. Tropical storm Georgia developed in the South China Sea on the 28th, moved across Hainan on the last day of the month and into Vietnam on the 1st.

Three of the eastern North Pacific tropical cyclones reached hurricane strength. Lorena and Manuel both developed near the 100th meridian and headed toward the west-northwest. Lorena attained hurricane status on the 7th and winds reached a peak of 100 kn the following day. Manuel became a hurricane one week later and maintained that intensity until the 18th; maximum winds were estimated at 100 kn on the 17th. Tropical storms Narda and Octave developed during the second half of the month but while Octave moved on a northward track Narda headed for the central Pacific. On the last day of the month Priscilla came to life. She moved toward the west-northwest but then turned northward after reaching the 15th parallel on the 4th; by this time she

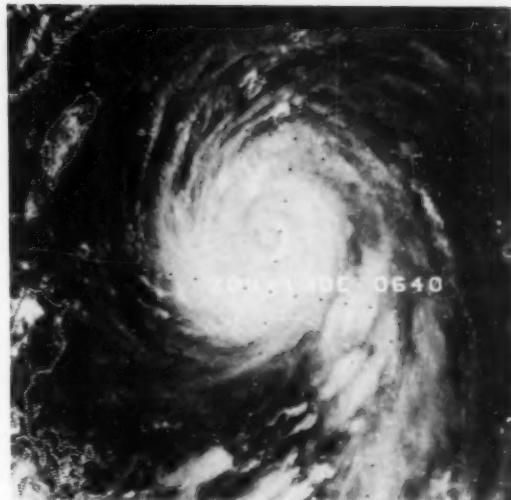


Figure 76.-- Forrest as a super typhoon as seen by satellite on the 24th.

was already at hurricane strength. In fact she was at peak intensity, generating 100-kn winds. However, moving over cooler waters Priscilla began to weaken.

Of the two North Atlantic storms Chantal generating a peak 65-kn winds was the hurricane while tropical storm Dean caused some problems by moving into Virginia.

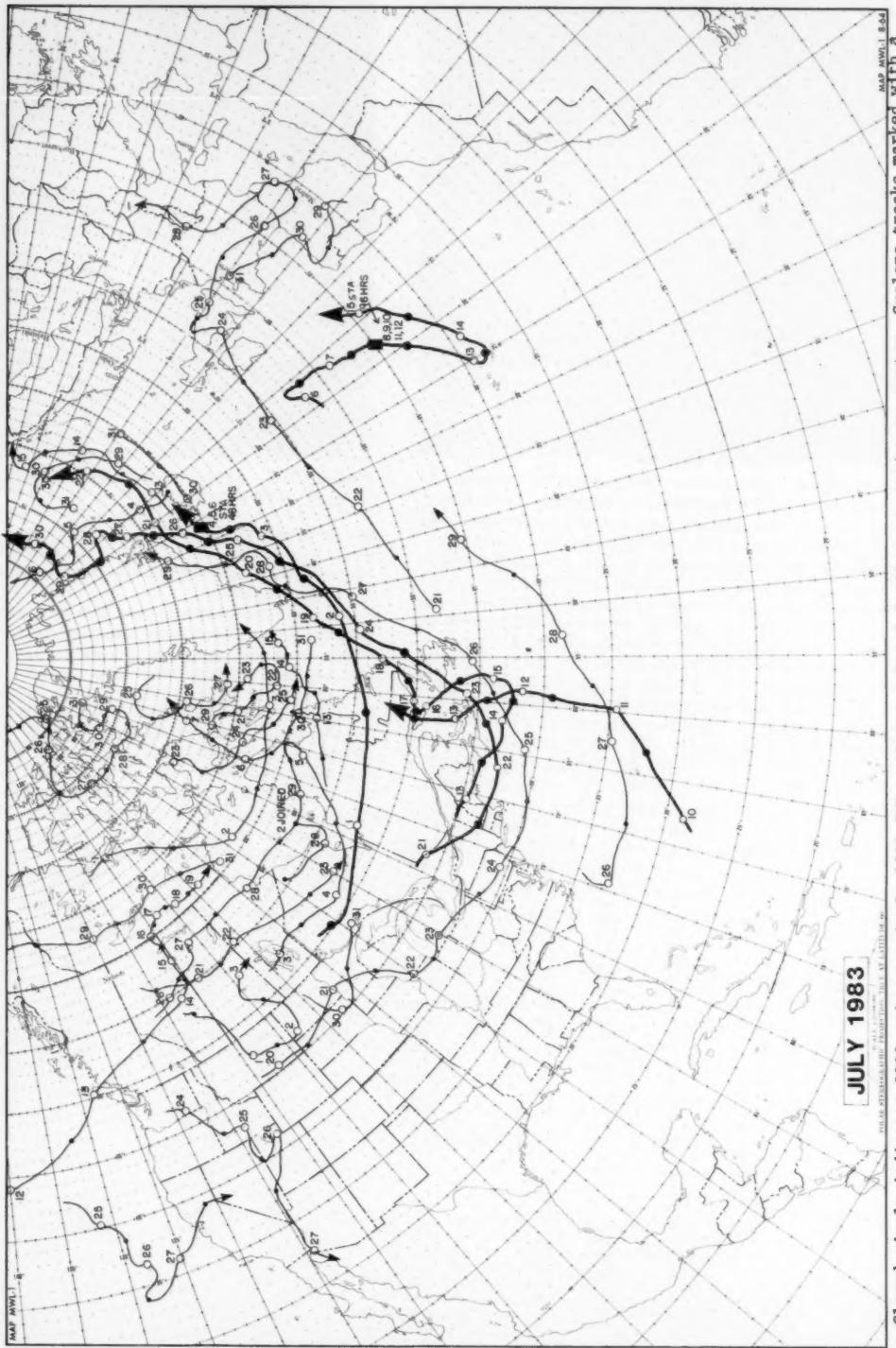
TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCH, 1983

Table 7 is a preliminary list of the global tropical cyclones that have occurred through December 1983.

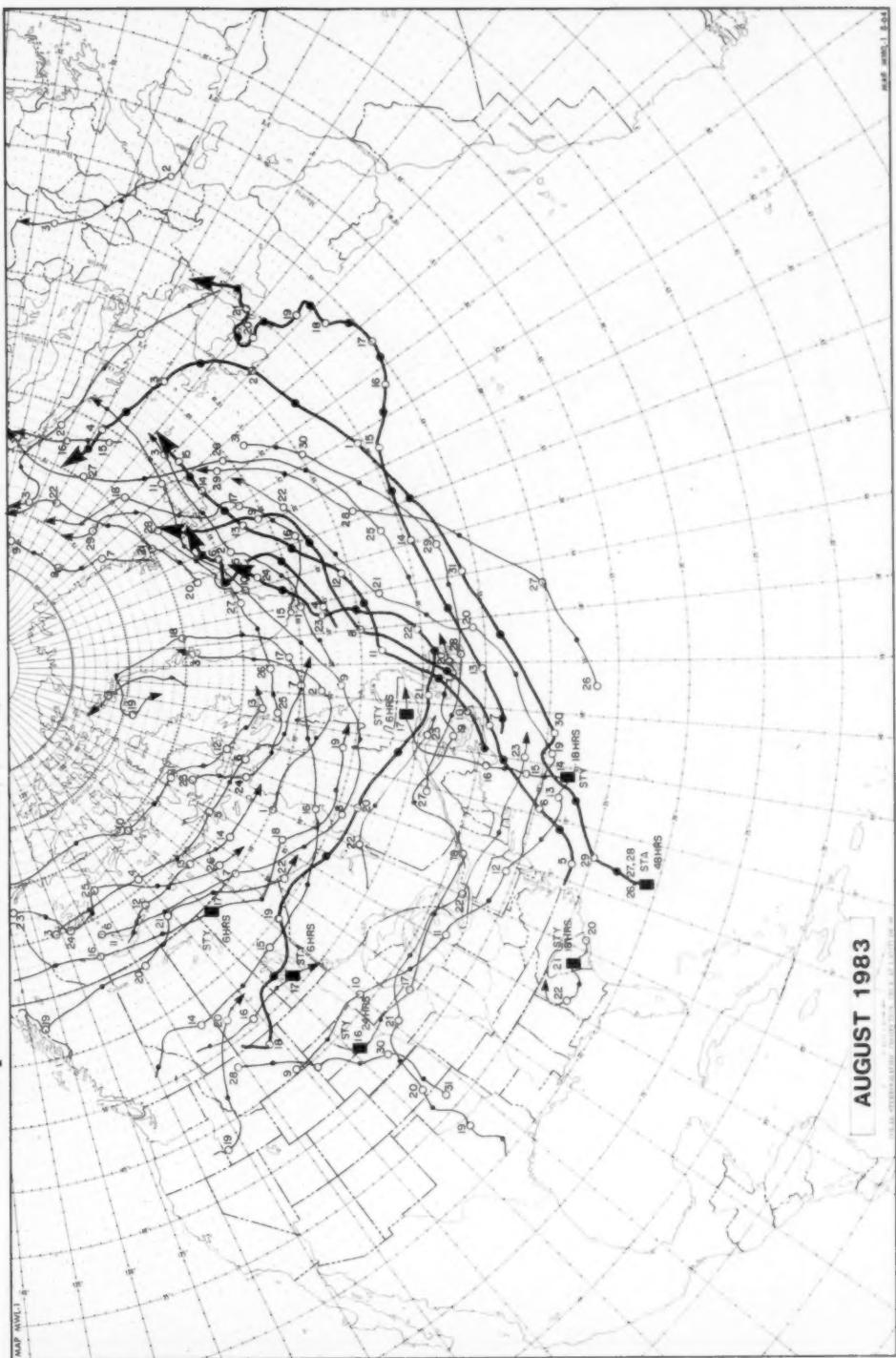
Table 7.--Tropical Cyclone Watch, 1983

Western North Pacific		Australia-South Pacific		North Indian		Eastern North Pacific	
Sarah	Tc-1	T	June	075-83	H	Jan.	OIA
Tip	Tc-2	H	July	095-83	T	Jan.	028-83
Vera	Tc-3	H	July	105-83	H	Jan.	038-83
Wayne	Tc-4	H	July	115-83	T	Jan.	
Abby	Tc-5	H	Aug.	135-83	H	Feb.	Adolph
Ben	Tc-7	T	Aug.	145-83	H	Feb.	Barbara
Carmen	Tc-6	T	Aug.	155-83	H	Feb.	Coome
Dom	Tc-8	T	Aug.	165-83	T	Feb.	Dalila
Ellen	Tc-10	H	Aug.	175-83	T	Feb.	Erick
Forrest	Tc-11	H	Sept.	185-83	H	Feb.	Flossie
Georgia	Tc-12	T	Sept.	195-83	H	Mar.	Gil
Herbert	Tc-13	T	Oct.	205-83	H	Mar.	Henriette
Ida	Tc-14	H	Oct.	215-83	T	April	Ismal
Joe	Tc-15	T	Oct.	225-83	H	April	Juliette
Kim	Tc-16	T	Oct.	235-83	H	April	Kiko
Lex	Tc-17	H	Oct.	255-83	T	Dec.	Lorena
Marge	Tc-18	H	Oct.	07P-83	T	Dec.	Manuel
Norris	Tc-19	T	Nov.	10P-83	T	Dec.	Narda
Orchid	Tc-20	H	Nov.			Octave	Td-16
Percy	Tc-21	H	Nov.			Td-17	T
Ruth	Tc-22	T	Nov.				Sept.
Sperry	Tc-23	T	Dec.				Sept.
Thelma	Tc-24	T	Dec.				Sept.
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North Atlantic							
Alicia	H	Aug.	---	045-83	T	Jan.	Priscilla
Barry	H	Aug.	Quenton	055-83	H	Feb.	Raymond
Chantal	H	Sept.	Andry	065-83	H	April	Sonia
Dean	T	Sept.	Esther	085-83	T	July	Tico
			Bakoly	095-83	H	Nov.	Velma
						Nov.	Winnie
						Dec.	Td-24

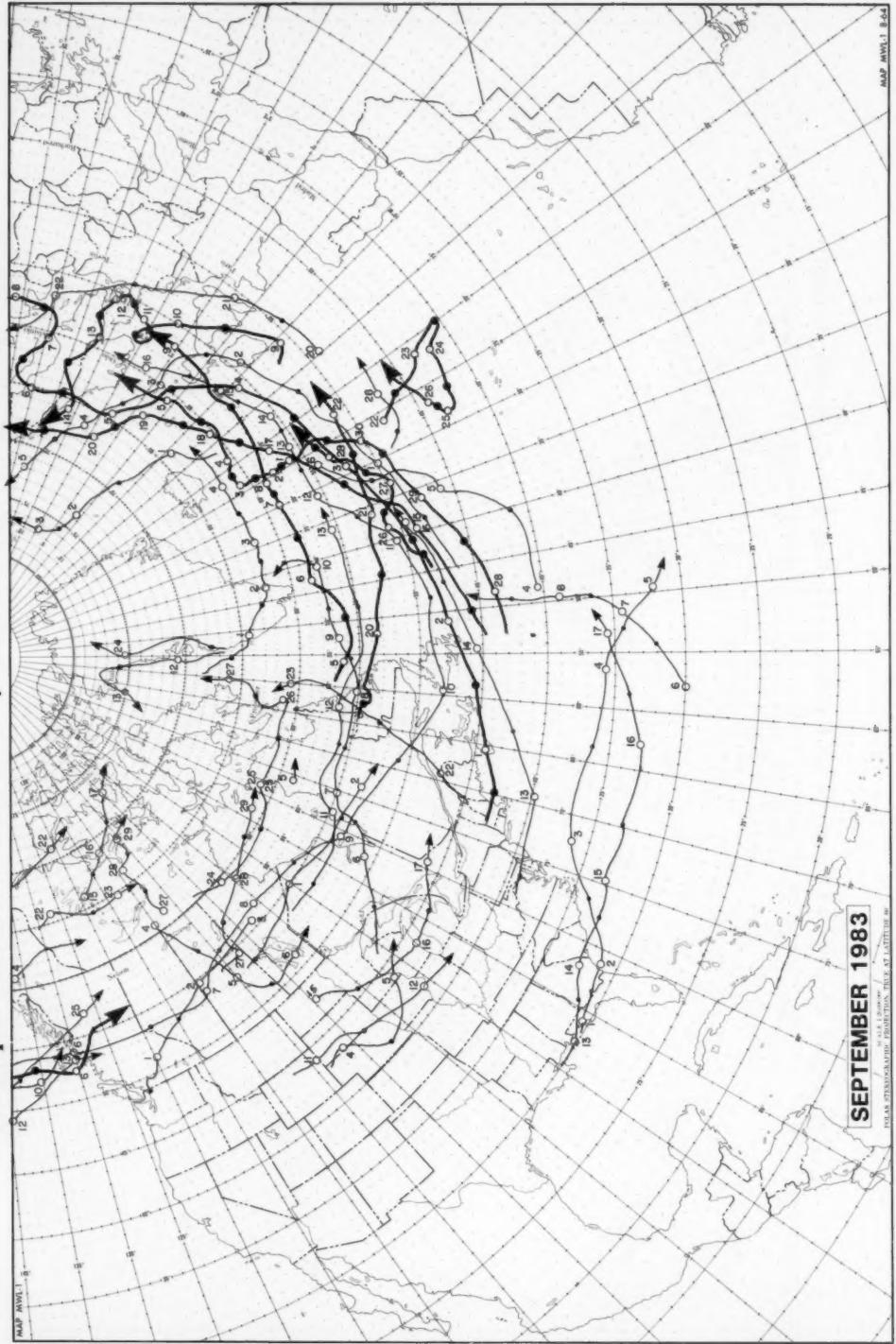
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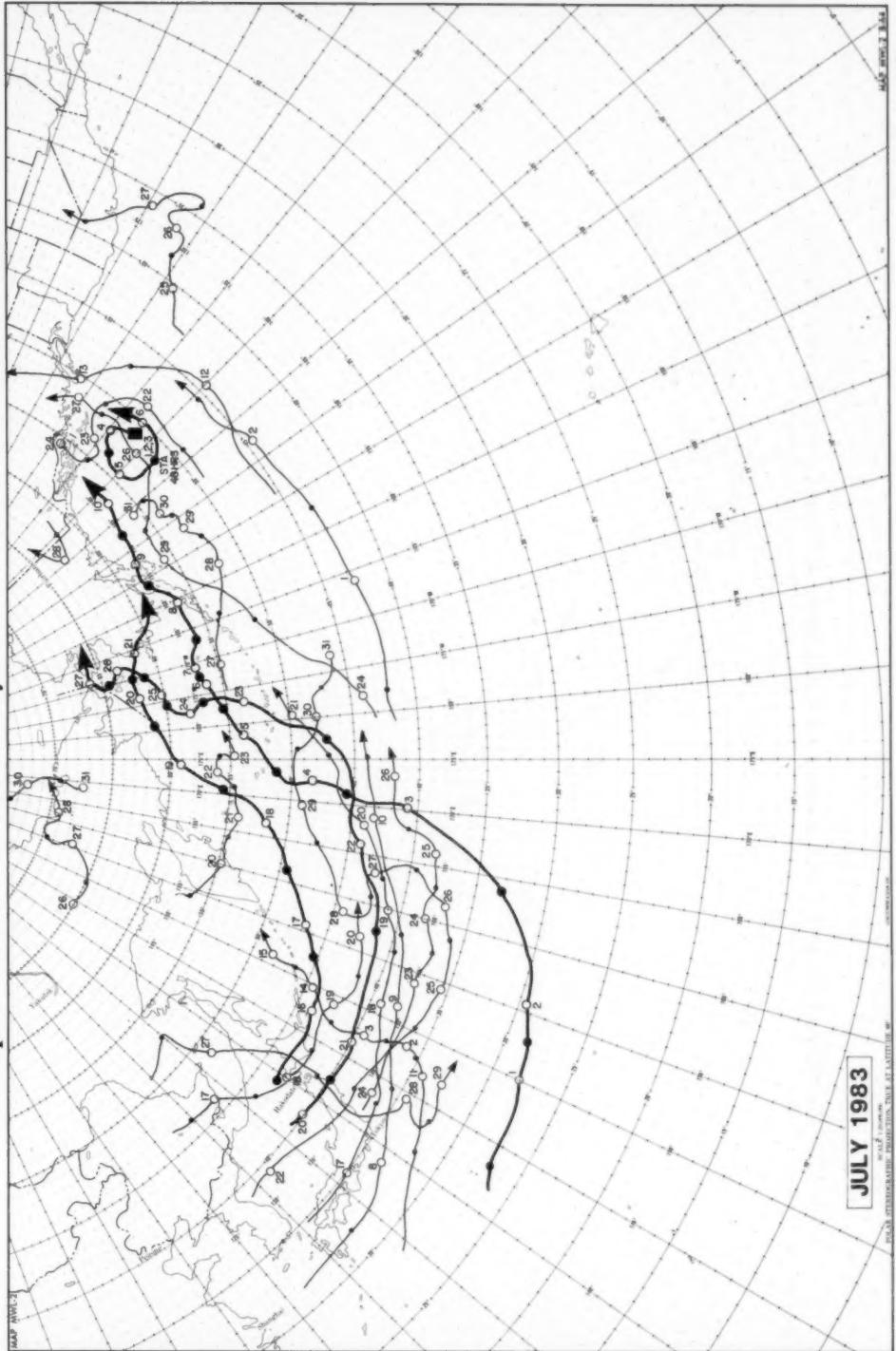


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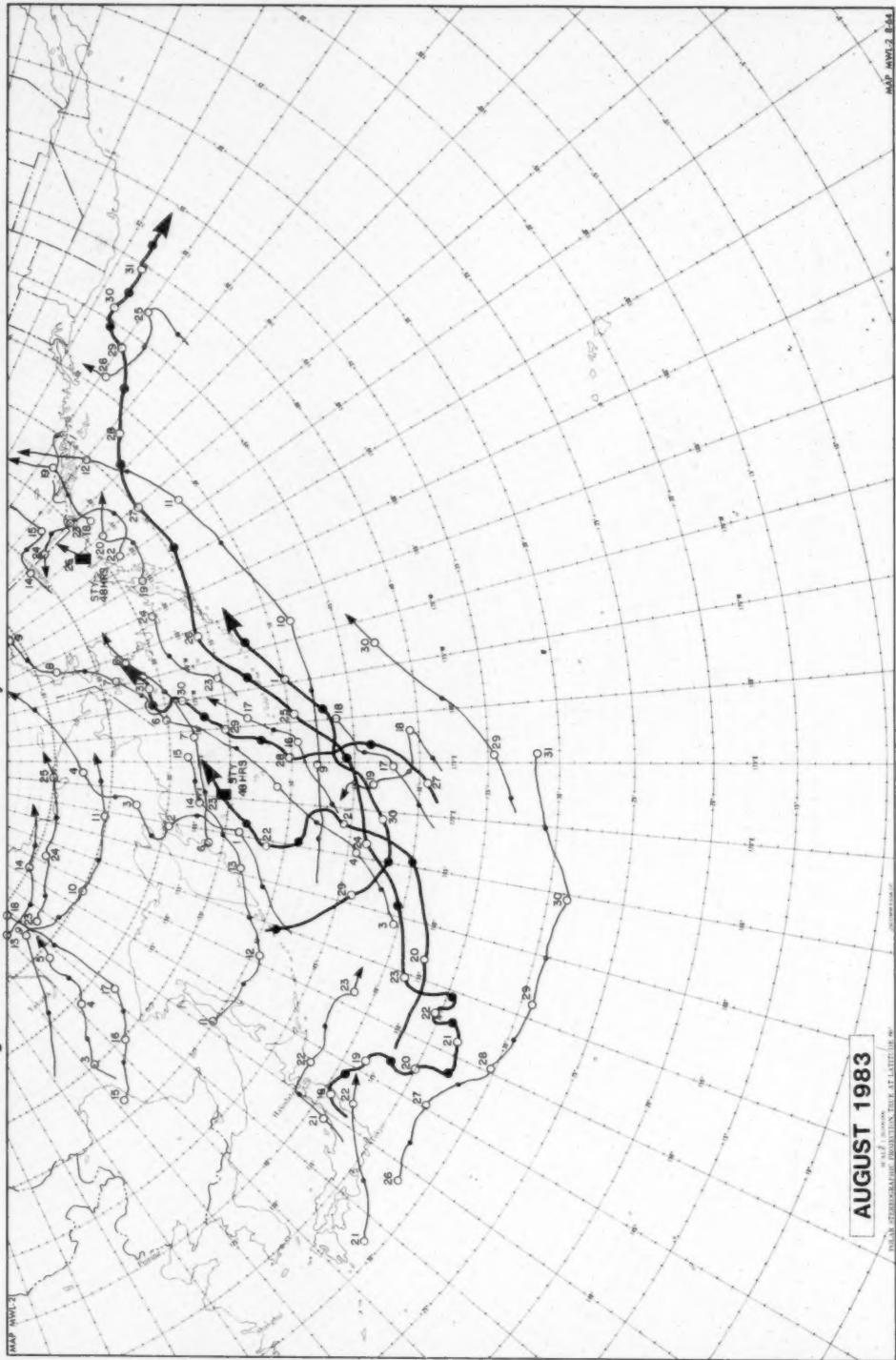
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Principal Tracks of Centers of Cyclones at Sea Level, North Pacific

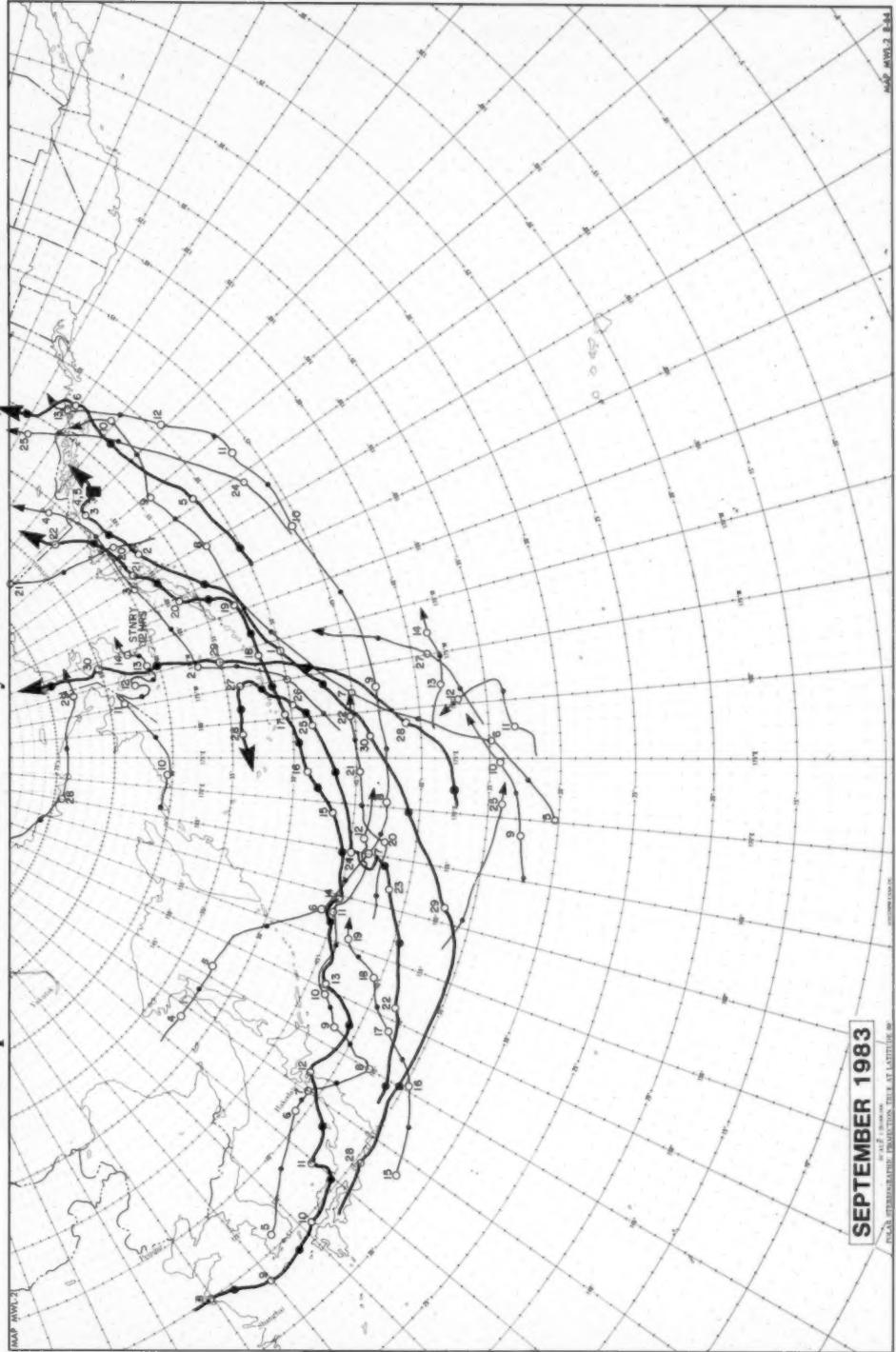


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North Atlantic Selected Gale and Wave Observations

July, August and September 1983

Vessel	Nationality	Date	Position of Ship		Time GMT	Wind Dir. 10°	Wind Speed kt.	Visibility n. mi.	Present Weather code	Pressure mb.	Temperature		Sea Wave† Period sec.	Sea Wave† Height ft.	Sea Wave† Dir. 10°	Sea Wave† Period sec.	Sea Wave† Height ft.
			Lat. deg.	Long. deg.							At	Sea					
ATLANTIC JULY																	
SEALAND PRODUCER	WJWJ	11	31.8 N	61.2 W	12	27	12	10 NM	01	1010.5	24.4	22.8	5	19.5	22	5	19.5
AMERICAN ARCHER	KFCF	12	40.1 N	62.0 W	16	35	25	10 NM	02	1014.2	25.0	23.3	4	5	03	6	19.5
BARBER TAIF	LJBU	13	40.2 N	67.6 W	00	24	50	2 NM	10	1018.0	20.0						
SEALAND LEADER	KHAG	21	40.1 N	54.3 W	12	21	40	10 NM	02	1015.2	25.6	24.4	5	6.5	24	6	10
SEALAND LEADER	WSDF	22	32.7 N	76.6 W	10	10	50	200 YD	97	1017.6	24.4						8
SEALAND LEADER	OSDZ	23	15.3 N	69.1 W	08	09	45			1015.0	28.0	28.0	6	14.5	10	9	19.5
WESTWARD	WLW190	23	43.5 N	67.4 W	06	35	48	5 NM	02	0999.1	15.0	12.1	6	19.5	35	12	26
SEALAND LEADER	WSNH	23	41.3 N	56.2 W	12	23	42	5 NM	01	1003.0	24.0	22.0	6	13	22	7	19.5
ACADIA	ICDR	23	39.2 N	56.0 W	22	23	40			1010.1	25.0	27.0	9	19.5	23	13	26
SEALAND LEADER	WSNH	24	41.2 N	60.4 W	03	26	40	5 NM	02	1007.0	22.0	20.0	8	11.5	24	9	14.5
TFL EXPRESS	9VPU	24	41.9 N	48.5 W	06	20	36	5 NM	02	1018.6	23.2	23.4	7	14.5	22	9	23
DEFIANCE	KRDF	25	36.8 N	58.6 W	19	19	30	5 NM	16	1014.0	22.2	24.0	6	14.5	21	6	32.5
USNS COMET TAXI 7	NJZP	26	42.0 N	55.7 W	12	32	41			1015.0	22.0	21.0	3	12	22	6	23
SEALAND LEADER	WSDF	26	40.6 N	69.5 W	04	18	55	5 NM	02	1015.5	24.4		4	16	15	8	14.5
SEALAND LEADER	DSTE	30	36.6 N	74.7 W	01	07	47	40 NM	01	1016.0	27.0	26.0	6	5	09	3	3
ATLANTIC AUG.																	
SELE	ZELE	4	39.3 N	73.1 W	00	23	21	5 NM	01	1021.0	24.0	24.0	6	13	24	8	19.5
CHRISTIAN MAERSK	OXJF	12	42.2 N	53.0 W	18	38	25	2 NM	25	1014.0	19.0		6	14.5	33	7	19.5
SEALAND LEADER	WSNH	13	39.4 N	60.6 W	12	20	45	10 NM	03	1015.2	24.7	30.0	9	11.5	22	7	14.5
S.S. PONCE	NPJR	14	24.3 N	73.4 W	12	11	40	10 NM	29	1015.7	25.6	30.0	6	13	09	8	5
STAR CARRIER	DSMC	14	50.5 N	29.9 W	18	22	30	50 YD	54	1008.0	15.0	14.0	12	19.5	21	11	16.5
STAR CARRIER	DSMC	15	50.1 N	32.9 W	06	33	40	50 YD	54	1003.0	12.0	11.0	14	24.5	33	14	21
SEALAND LEADER	KP1W	15	46.1 N	61.5 W	06	01	40	5 NM	01	1023.0	17.8	22.8	3	31	31	5	11.5
ALMERA LYKES	WDOU	15	45.6 N	29.9 W	18	31	45	5 NM	28	1007.0	17.8	22.2	8	11.5	31	13	39
SEALAND CONSUMER	WCHF	16	28.0 N	91.1 W	15	15	40	5 NM	81	1015.0	26.7	28.4	3	5	16	5	11.5
ALMERA LYKES	WDOU	17	47.8 N	23.6 W	06	35	38	10 NM	02	1005.6	16.7	19.8	8	13	36	12	23
FREDERICKSBURG	KNHN	18	27.7 N	91.7 W	06	15	23	10 NM	01	1014.7	27.2	28.9	5	5	26	2	19.5
ITALICA	IBKL	21	42.5 N	59.4 W	06	23	54			1000.5	23.5	23.5	5	10			
TFL EXPRESS	9VPU	22	43.7 N	56.4 W	06	29	44	5 NM	21	1005.6	18.0	21.6	10	19.5	23	12	16.5
OGDEN DYNACHEM	KNJK	25	25.6 N	79.9 W	12	18	25	2 NM	18	1018.0	25.6	30.0	12	37.5			
SEALAND LEADER	WLDP	25	11.8 N	76.3 W	12	07	25	5 NM	01	1011.5	28.0	27.8	5	6.5	06	10	19.5
SEALAND LEADER	WSNH	31	44.2 N	37.8 W	18	22	48			0998.2	24.0	20.0	10	19.5	22	10	16.5
GR. LAKES AUG.																	
HERBERT C. JACKSON	ML3972	11	45.6 N	83.5 W	06	09	40	10 NM	81		17.0	18.0	8	6.5			
ATLANTIC SEP.																	
AMERICAN RESOLUTE	KFQJ	1	52.3 N	29.2 W	06	10	45	200 YD	82	0998.5	10.0	16.7	7	11.5	10	7	11.5
SEALAND LEADER	WSNH	1	46.9 N	32.6 W	06	29	40	10 NM	07	1006.0	17.0	20.0	10	23	27	14	26
T F L LIBERTY	9VWD	1	49.3 N	23.9 W	16	27	51	2 NM	07	1017.0	17.0	17.7	X	16.5	26	10	19.5
T F L LIBERTY	9VWD	2	49.0 N	25.3 W	06	32	52	2 NM	07	1009.5	13.5	16.0					
	6ZRT	2	47.6 N	31.7 W	06	32	30	5 NM	01	1022.0	14.0	17.0	8	21	35	12	32.5
AMERICAN LEADER	KFQJ	3	45.5 N	27.8 W	06	24	55	200 YD	89	1010.5	16.1	17.2	2	8	32	9	19.5
SEALAND LEADER	6ZRT	3	45.5 N	36.8 W	06	24	27	5 NM	81	1001.0	20.0	18.0	8	13	29	12	32.5
SEATTLE	KWHN	5	19.2 N	80.6 W	07	18	48	2 NM	64	1005.0	25.6	28.9	8	24.5	16	24.5	
SEALAND LEADER	WSDF	17	57.5 N	19.6 W	18	15	50	5 NM	80	0994.0	11.1		5	19.5	15	10	18
SEALAND LEADER	WSDF	18	56.5 N	24.5 W	18	32	50	5 NM	01	0996.5	10.0		5	19.5	32	10	19.5
AMERICAN ARCHER	KFCS	22	49.7 N	28.6 W	09	01	50			1008.7	12.8	16.6	12	19.5	01	12	19.5
SEALAND ADVENTURER	KSLJ	22	45.2 N	29.5 W	18	03	45	5 NM	03	0996.0	16.0	16.0	5	16.5	36	5	16.5
SEALAND PIONEER	KSVH	23	40.5 N	32.5 W	06	34	45	5 NM	81	1009.7	17.0	21.0	5	16.5	32	6	29.5
SEALAND CONSUMER	WCHF	24	48.1 N	30.5 W	18	02	45	5 NM	02	1013.3	13.9	16.7	3	0	02	9	16.5
FREDERICKSBURG	KNHN	25	30.8 N	72.3 W	23	09	55	10 NM	20	1017.5	22.0	26.7	4	11.5	06	18	32.5
SANTA CRUZ	KPCM	27	50.0 N	39.1 W	18	33	65	5 NM	07	1013.5	12.3	15.6	6	16.5	33	10	24.5
TFL EXPRESS	9VPU	29	37.8 N	71.3 W	12	07	49	2 NM	62	1015.7	21.5	26.0	7	18	07	12	21
SELE	ZELE	29	38.3 N	73.1 W	18	06	46	2 NM	81	1015.7	18.9	21.1	6	11.5	09	8	19.5
MALLORY LYKES	KLPW	30	38.3 N	73.6 W	03	05	45	3 NM	60	1015.2	19.8	17.2	3	8	09	10	19.5
TFL FREEDOM	9VXX	30	48.1 N	28.6 W	06	21	40	1 NM			16.2	16.0	40	32.4			

+ Direction for sea waves same as wind direction
 X Direction or period of waves indeterminate
 M Measured wind

NOTE: The observations are selected from those with winds ≥ 40 kn or seas ≥ 2.5 m from April through September and 45 kn or 30 ft October through March.

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July, August and September 1983

Vessel	Nationality	Date	Position of Ship			Wind Dir. deg.	Wind Speed/ kt.	Visibility n. mi.	Present Weather code	Pressure mb.	Temperature		Sea Waves?	Wind Period sec.	Wind Dir. deg.	Small Waves Period sec.	
			Lat. deg.	Long. deg.	Time GMT hr.						Air °C.	Sea °C.					
PACIFIC		JULY															
GALVESTON	KRGA	1	51°2' N	130°3' W	06	12	50	1 NM	68	1007.6	22.7	12.7	8	18	17	9	18
SINALOA	DXNS	4	41°7' N	141.5' E	02	16	24	5 NM	58	1004.6	14.0	17.0	6	13	12	9	19.5
KENAI	WSND	5	54°3' N	135°7' W	00	09	40	2 NM	15	1008.6	13.3	10.6	5	10	12	9	16.5
MAIN EXPRESS	ZCUT	8	13°6' N	95°2' W	18	02	28	10 NM	11.2	20.5	30.0	4	5	62	7	19.5	
	SEED	9	32°3' N	146°2' E	01	24	25	5 NM	07	1002.6	23.0	22.5	7	10	29	13	23
SAN MARCOS	KSNP	9	14°1' N	95.5' W	14	09	24	10 NM		1007.6	28.2	30.8	6	19.5	69	5	19.5
BARBARA FOSS	WFL978	9	59.1' N	139.2' W	14	16	41	2 NM	62	1007.1	11.1	13.1	6	13.5	10	6	18
EXXON NORTH SLOPE	KHLG	9	47.6' N	132.7' W	14	21	20	2 NM	53	1012.1	12.8	12.2	6	10	21	9	19.5
B T SAN DIEGO	WSVR	11	37.2' N	123.6' W	00	35	33	10 NM	02	1015.0	14.9	13.5	2	8	35	9	19.5
	HPHR	11	32.6' N	134.8' E	21	06	28	5 NM	89	1008.6	23.0	27.1	7	0.5	98	8	41
PACIFIC VENTURE	HDVS	12	80°2' N	146°7' E	14	08	40	1 NM	50	1011.5							
B T ALASKA	WFOE	12	55.5' N	139.0' W	14	30	60	10 NM	50	1007.0	10.0	12.0					
PACIFIC VENTURE	WFOE	13	52.5' N	149.3' E	02	06	40	2 NM	41	1020.0	11.0						
	WPHR	13	33.6' N	140.7' W	00	27	50	5 NM	03	1009.1	21.0	24.0	6	18	25	5	19.5
GALVESTON	KRGA	14	51.4' N	130.7' W	12	24	35	10 NM		1015.9	13.3	14.6	6	13	30	8	21
	WLDP	15	18.4' N	123.1' E	14	15	30	5 NM	03	1007.9	28.0	29.4	9	11.5	18	9	19.5
GROOKS RANGE	WSPR	15	39.6' N	125.3' W	14	34	35	10 NM		1016.8	16.7	16.1	6	21			
H P GRACE	ELBG9	15	34.6' N	123.0' W	18	32	17	5 NM	01	1012.9	16.0	16.5	XN	6.5	30	XI	23
	WNND	15	30.8' N	124.9' W	14	32	40	5 NM	03	1019.0	17.8	13.1	5	13	32	12	13
	BYRJ	16	36.7' N	126.9' W	02	36	30	10 NM	01	1017.1	17.8	9.0	6	13	33	10	19.5
	WNDN	16	39.2' N	124.8' W	00	33	40	5 NM	05	1014.0	16.1	15.8	5	8	24	8	19.5
DZHC	16	50.4' N	175.3' E	04	44	1	1 NM		1013.6	7.0	12.0	5	6.5	16	6	18	
KPKL	16	19.9' N	106.9' W	14	13	40	10 NM	03	1016.0	28.1	28.3	6	18	6	10	10	
EXXON NORTH SLOPE	KHLG	19	12.9' N	92.7' W	02	12	25	10 NM		1009.0	31.1	28.3	8	16	10	10	19.5
SEA FAN	ELCG3	19	53.1' N	170.5' E	00	23	19	5 NM	45	0996.0	10.0	8.5	7	19.5	23	6	16.5
CRYSTAL STAR	DSTG	20	35.8' N	124.8' W	10	26	45	2 NM		1021.0	18.0	16.0	3	5	34	3	5
ASIA BRAVERY	ARCM	21	34.1' N	130.0' E	02	22	22	2 NM	10	1002.9	28.0	26.0	6	24	24	5	24.5
	ASB4	22	61.1' N	135.5' E	01	17	16	5 NM	40	1007.0	18.5	12.0	5	6.5	16	10	19.5
BLUE OCEAN	WPCE	23	10.5' N	128.0' E	00	07	45	5 NM	58	1001.0	28.3	28.9	6	8	07	4	8
	JRGM	23	45.3' N	176.2' W	09	22	43	5 NM	YD	1005.0	13.5	8.0	6	6.5	22	4	8
VAN CONQUEROR	ABIB	24	53.6' N	179.1' W	04	20	40	2 NM	05	0986.5	9.0	9.3	8	10	25	8	13
GALLEON HONOR	DZDI	24	60.3' N	177.1' E	02	26	11	5 NM	50	1002.9	0.0	8.4	26	26	42.5		
S.S. LNG TAURUS	WZK	24	20.2' N	124.2' E	16	19	27	10 NM	01	1010.5	27.5	29.4	15	16	24.5		
BAY BRIDGE	3ZYN	25	22.5' N	106.0' E	00	16	57	50 NM	07	0997.0	27.0	27.0	20	23	16	20	23
ALASKAN DEVELOPER	WPLB	28	54.0' N	150.5' E	00	16	26	5 NM		1006.5	9.4	11.7	6	6.5	17	7	19.5
	3FPJ	29	52.0' N	132.9' W	10	16	40	1 NM		1017.5	14.0	16.0	8	6.5	16	10	13
KEystone CANYON	KSPK	29	21.6' N	109.1' W	10	32	48	10 NM	03	1011.5	30.0	29.4	9	3	21	12	19.5
	WTDN	30	51.3' N	178.5' E	06	09	22	5 NM	40	1012.3	7.2	6.7	8	6.5	06	12	19.5
PACIFIC		AUG.															
MAIN EXPRESS	HPDP	1	19.0' N	105.0' W	06	32	12	> 25 NM	00	1012.5	30.0	30.0	0	19.5	04	4	3
MAIN EXPRESS	JEED	1	50.7' N	169.5' E	12	19	34	5 NM		1007.0	8.0	8.0	7	16.5	15	13	19.5
ADRIAN MAERSK	SEED	2	48.5' N	142.8' E	06	27	21	2 NM	05	1008.0	10.0	15.0	8	14.5	27	10	19.5
	OYIT	3	48.6' N	152.0' E	06	30	09	5 NM	50	1022.5	11.5	7	6.5	05	05	4	6.5
	SEVG2	4	35.9' N	189.3' E	06	01	40	10 NM	03	1011.0	29.0	19.0	3	6.5	05	4	6.5
MALLORY LYKES	KLPN	5	39.1' N	150.8' E	18	22	67	5 NM	03	1019.0	11.5	16.0	3	6.5	05	4	8
PACIFIC VENTURE	HDVS	13	33.0' N	135.0' E	00	08	45	5 NM	03	1007.5	29.0	23.0	0	10	08	4	10
SANTA MARINA	DZUT	13	22.0' N	136.3' E	12	20	46	2 NM		0997.4	29.0	30.0	9	32.5			
EXXON NEW ORLEANS	WNDH	13	16.2' N	99.7' W	18	05	14	10 NM	03	1012.0	31.7	31.1	4	3	06	4	19.5
	DZUT	14	19.8' N	134.3' E	18	22	43	10 NM		1001.2	29.0	30.0					
	WNDH	14	40.8' N	126.3' W	18	10	40	10 NM	02	1016.0	17.0	17.7	6	11.5	10	6	11.5
	DZUT	15	18.7' N	132.9' E	06	22	32	5 NM		1002.7	31.0	30.0	0	19.5			
MORTH	WJDF	15	28.1' N	127.2' E	06	36	18	5 NM	01	0994.2	31.0	28.0	5	13	36	8	19.5
	WLHC	15	27.8' N	143.1' E	06	23	40	200 YD	65	1002.8	23.8	26.7	3	14.5	23	6	19.5
MORTH	D7Y0	15	53.4' N	158.8' W	18	26	26	1 NM	21	1016.0	13.0	12.0	5	19.5			
	WLHC	16	26.3' N	142.6' E	08	28	25	2 NM	11	1005.0	28.3	26.7	10	19.5	24	24	24.5
MAYA PIONEER	D7Y0	16	53.2' N	160.0' W	08	29	26	1 NM	10	1017.0	13.0	12.0	6	19.5			
CHARLES LYKES	6ZCU	19	62.7' N	152.5' E	04	11	22	5 NM	01	1009.0	21.0	17.0	5	13	13	8	23
TOWNSEND CROWELL	KRGA	19	51.8' N	135.8' W	06	25	35	5 NM	80	1006.0	14.0	15.6	3	14.5	23	7	24.5
MAYA PIONEER	KLHR	21	34.2' N	166.0' E	06	21	30	5 NM	05	0998.0	26.1	23.9	7	10	18	7	26
	WTDF	21	81.0' N	170.2' E	06	20	48	0990.6	10.0	1006.0	18.1	3	6.5	17	6	19.5	
MAYA PIONEER	W9TH	21	53.6' N	198.9' W	12	11	40	10 NM		0997.0	9.0	0	6	14.5	11	6	16.5
EXXON PHILADELPHIA	ELC93	21	47.9' N	129.3' W	23	33	20	8 NM	12	1022.0	17.0	16.0	6	19.5	33	5	16.5
	KUJF	22	47.8' N	161.9' W	08	24	32	10 NM	02	1008.0	12.0	12.0	7	8	10	1	19.5
MOBIL OIL	ABFO	24	35.2' N	152.2' E	08	20	65	10 NM		1012.0	24.0	24.5	20	3	3	5.5	
	ABFO	25	35.3' N	153.1' E	00	24	40	10 NM		1013.2	29.0	29.0	05	4	6.5	8	8
Fairweather	WTEB	25	50.8' N	172.6' W	08	18	10	10 NM	02	1012.0	12.5	XN	1.5	24	XN	4	19.5
GALVESTON	KRGA	26	49.5' N	165.7' E	18	35	46	2 NM		1013.0	6.0	0	4	6.5	35	4	6.5
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	KD6G	27	52.7' N	137.8' W	12	16	40	2 NM		0997.0	14.0	12.4					
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	KD6G	27	57.3' N	140.6' W	18	03	40	2 NM	63	0997.3	13.3	14.4	8	8	83	10	16.5
LEXA MAERSK	DXFB	27	55.2' N	143.8' W	18	35	46	5 NM	03	0998.5	11.1	14.4	4	6.5	04	8	18
Fairweather	WTEB	28	55.2' N	182.2' W	00	35	40	2 NM	07	0994.6	13.4	13.9	5	10	01	8	23
GALVESTON	KRGA	28	55.5' N	143.1' W	12	01	20	10 NM		1005.8	14.8	13.9	6	8	06	6	19.5
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	KD6G	28	49.1' N	178.3' E	18	20	40	5 NM	03	0986.5	11.7	10.0	7	10	28	5	13
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	KD6G	29	49.5' N	178.4' W	00	22	41	5 NM	02	1001.9	13.9	10.0	6	10	28	6	13
LEXA MAERSK	DXFB	29	45.0' N	139.1' W	06	30	40	10 NM		1012.5	16.0	16	16	16.5			
DZLE	31	34.1' N	150.6' W	06	12	17	10 NM	03	1014.0	28.5	23.0	1	1.8	32	2	19.5	

Vessel	Nationality	Date	Position of Ship			Wind Speed M.	Visibility n. mi.	Present Weather code	Pressure mb.	Temperature		Sea Waves ^a Period sec.	Sea Waves Height ft.	Wind Waves Dir. 10°	Wind Waves Period sec.	Wind Waves Height ft.
			Lat. deg.	Long. deg.	Time GMT					Air	Sea					
	PACIFIC	SEP 4														
MOBIL OIL	WTG	4 39.7 N 124.8 W	18 36	55	5 NM	02	1009.8	18.3	15.6	6	10	36	10	23		
	H3DB	5 56.3 N 187.6 W	00 27	21	10 NM	02	1001.0	11.0	15.0	12	10	23	13	32.5		
PRESIDENT MC KINLEY	WVFZ	5 39.3 N 125.8 W	18 34	45	10 NM	02	1008.6	19.4	17.8	10	5	34	11.5			
PRESIDENT MC KINLEY	WVFZ	6 39.6 N 127.5 W	00 35	45	10 NM	02	1010.0	16.7	17.8	6	5	35	10	8		
	JAVS	6 52.8 N 144.8 W	21 08	45	5 NM		1001.5	13.0		9	8	30	6	8		
	AGHX	8 18.4 N 174.0 W	21 11	45	2 NM	64	1009.0	26.5	27.0	10	10	11	16	26		
MAIN EXPRESS	IEFD	14 41.9 N 152.6 E	00 28	51	1 NM		0989.5	16.0	19.0	10	16.5	28	12	14.5		
ARCTIC TOKYO	SLJT	14 40.9 N 158.6 E	18 04	45	5 NM	01	1002.0	10.0	11.0	10	4.5					
ORIENTAL KNIGHT	HWVM	16 36.1 N 150.2 E	18 09	45	5 NM		1006.0	72.5	24.0	9	13	09	9	14.5		
VAN CONQUEROR	ABTS	17 53.0 N 179.5 W	12 07	55	2 NM	50	0997.0	7.0	8.0							
BARBER TONSBERG	L10	17 78.0 N 148.1 E	12 13	45			1000.9	23.0		XX	19.5					
ORIENTAL KNIGHT	HWVM	17 37.3 N 159.4 E	18 09	45	5 NM	61	1015.0	19.0	21.0	8	23	11	9	23		
VAN CONQUEROR	ABTS	18 53.5 N 176.3 E	00 03	45	1 NM	66	1005.0	7.0	0.0	10	13	06	10	13		
ALEUTIAN DEVELOPER	WPL	18 55.0 N 162.0 W	00 09	56	2 NM	68	1010.5	10.0	10.0	6	14.5	10	9	14.5		
PRESIDENT GRANT	WEZD	19 52.4 N 153.5 W	18 19	45			0992.9	12.8	12.2	6	19.5	18	10	19.5		
	SHRM	20 53.6 N 150.6 W	00 20	45	1 NM		1004.3	15.0	13.0	13	18	21	16	24.5		
SOCONY VACUUM	KICL	20 41.7 N 170.9 W	06 05	52	10 NM	00	1023.0	15.6	16.7	8	23	05	12	26		
	ELFXY	21 47.1 N 149.7 W	02 16	50	+25 NM	61	1006.5	17.0	16.0	8	14.5	13	9	18		
SOCONY VACUUM	KICL	21 43.6 N 128.0 W	00 04	50	10 NM	02	1019.0	18.5	16.1	10	23	04	11	29.5		
ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	OSAN	21 53.7 N 154.5 W	12 27	54	5 NM	00	1008.5	13.0	14.0							
CORNUCOPIA	KPJC	23 44.4 N 164.9 E	18 11	45	2 NM	63	1002.1	10.0	10.6	6	8	10	11	13		
GOLD LUCKY	SEHHZ	24 83.4 N 165.8 E	00 10	55	1 NM	81	0993.5	12.0	13.0			12	14	19.5		
CORNUCOPIA	KPJC	24 43.8 N 162.2 E	00 09	52	20 NM		1008.7	10.0	13.6	9	18	09	12	24.5		
ARCO ANCHORAGE	WCIO	24 55.5 N 140.0 W	00 18	45	1 NM	07	0994.0	11.7	11.1	6	10	18	7	13		
SEALAND DEFENDER	KGJB	25 28.1 N 124.4 E	23 05	56	+25 NM	81	1012.0	56.0	12	19.5						
SEALAND DEFENDER	KGJB	26 27.1 N 123.0 E	03 36	57	200 YD	81		25.0	29.0	12	39					
	H3SG	27 42.5 N 153.5 E	16 27	03			1000.0	11.0		10	1.5	27	10	44		
LEDA MARSK	OULU	28 12.0 N 128.8 E	00 30	50	5 NM	02	1000.5	25.0		8	10	29	9	26		
HOEGH MIRANDA	LICZ	28 34.9 N 140.5 E	12 33	47	50 YD	82	0996.0	23.0		XX	13					
S.S. LNG TAURUS	WDZW	28 31.5 N 176.1 E	12 24	52	2 NM		1001.0	27.0	28.3							
FALSTRIK	OVFS	29 26.7 N 129.9 E	00 02	50			1013.2	27.0		2	1.5	XX	XX	10		
	ATJV	29 42.4 N 172.4 E	03 23	40			1002.4	15.0		8	19.5	22	10	23		
HOEGH CAIRN	LICZ	29 35.4 N 152.2 E	04 03	50	2 NM		0986.0	19.0	23.0	XX	13					
	L1OL	29 52.7 N 166.9 W	12 20	52	50 YD		0974.0	9.5								
	9VNG	29 54.0 N 174.6 W	14 29	58	2 NM	53		10.0								
SEALAND VOYAGER	KHPK	30 36.3 N 166.3 E	05 27	50	5 NM	16	0996.7	26.0	19.0	9	24.5	26	11	28		
GALLEON HONOR	D2FI	30 41.1 N 147.2 W	22 26	28	< 50 YD		1002.6	12.1		26	27					

^a Direction of sea waves same as wind
 X Direction or period of waves indeterminate
 M Measured wind

NOTE: The observations are selected from those with winds ≥ 40 kn or waves ≥ 20 ft from April through September and 45 kn or 30 ft October through March.

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SHIP NAME	VIA VIA RADIO MAIL				
ABUL KALAM AZAD	24	ACACIA WLB406	1 2	ACADIA	22 37
ALASKA STANDARD	14 63	ALASKAN	51 181	ALBATORPS IV	78 175
ALEUTIAN DEVELOPER	57 189	ALLISON LYNES	35 85	ALBERTA LYNES	49 120
AMCO VOYAGER	62 135	AMELIA TOPIC	17 24	AMERICA SUN	89 207
AMERICAN ACE	61 65	AMERICAN ALLIANCE	79 186	AMERICAN APOLLO	55 189
AMERICAN CARRIER	71 170	AMERICAN DUTCH	29 78	AMERICAN ASTRONAUT	54 169
AMERICAN HIGHWAY	29 122	AMERICAN LANCER	38 108	AMERICAN LADY	43 125
AMERICAN LEGACY	59 212	AMERICAN LEGEND	26 116	AMERICAN LEGION	30 193
AMERICAN LYNN	28 192	AMERICAN MARKETEER	66 143	AMERICAN MERCHANT	102 121
AMERICAN TRADER	28 99	AMERICAN PRIDE	1	AMOCO CAIRO	9
AMOCO YORKTOWN	43	AND LEONHARDT	17	AMOCO DUTCH	38 100
AGURARUS	52 186	ARCO ALASKA	29 12	ARCO ANCHORAGE	43 120
ARCO JUNEAU	23	ARCO SAG RIVER	4 2	ARCO TEXAS	36 88
ARGONAUT	29 125	ARIES	5	ASHLEY LYNES	9 13
ASIA CLOVREY	2	ASIA HERON	49 72	ASIA BEAUTY	37 106
ASIAN EXPRESS	18	ATCOUN PASS	63 232	ATLANTIC RAINBOW	46 117
AUSTRAL PIONEER	7 30	B T ALASKA	35 162	B T SAN DIEGO	293
BALT BUTTE	67	BALTIC	8 7	BALTIMORE TRADER	29 126
BARRIER CARRIER	97	BALTIMORE TAIF	29 67	BALTIMORE TENNESSEE	35 98
BARRIER TOSA	29	BAPPEL BENSBERG	13 17	BARRIER TSD	38 47
BASSWOOD WLB388	3	BAY BRIDGE	36 65	BAYHON	39 91
BENSON FORD	3 88	BERNINA	17 121	BIBB WMEC 31	36
BLUE OCEAN	11 104	BOSKARINI DUB	57 100	BOGASARI SATU	2
BONITA	85 93	BOSKARINI DUB	89 99	BOUTWELL WMEC 719	45
BRIGHTON LYNES	8	BOWERS RANGE	17 67	BUSHWELL WMEC 719	27
C K APOLLO	20	CALCITE II	5 10	CALIFORNIA RAINBOW	20 77
CAPIGIRDN	112	CARNIVALE	20	CHAPMAN	164 102
CHARLES	68 184	CHARTERED MAERSK	67 191	CHASE WHEC 718	1
CHEROKEE WMEC 168	1	CHICAGO VALLEY	18 27	CHICAGO WHEC 718	9 122
CHEVRON ARIZONA	40 89	CHEVRON BURNABY	26 135	CHEVRON CALIFORNIA	88 112
CHEVRON LOUISIANA	20 44	CHEVRON MISSISSIPPI	39 141	CHEVRON OREGON	9 9
CHEVRON ROCKY	88	CHEVRON WASHINGTON	32 41	CILHULU WMEC 153	5 147
CHIEFTAN LYNES	21 30	CITRON	38 231	CITRON WLB108	28
CLIFFORD MAERSK	38 282	CLOVER CEC	13	CLOVER CREST	1
COLUMBUS LOUISIANA	65	CONNUCOPIA	36 128	COVADONDA	22 140
CRYSTAL STAR	22 62	CYANUS	79 182	D ALBERTIS	33 5
DACTYL STAR	75	DAVY WHEC 718	82	DANA PICA	5
DAVID D. IRWIN	1 29	DAVID P. REYNOLDS	69 111	DAVID P. REYNOLDS	1 183
DAVIDSON	17 16	DE STEIGER T-AGOR12	3	DEFTANE	33 125
DEL VIENTO	18	DELAWARE II	31 98	DELAWARE TRADER	9
DELTA MAR	8 20	DELTA SUD	34 28	DIANA	23 99
DISCOVERY OSS	136 204	DELTA LYNES	51 132	DIRL TURMAN	11 38
DRAGON MAERSK	27 40	DUANE	78 60	DURABLE	26 40
EASTERN DIAMOND	38 172	EASTERN FRIENDSHIP	26 93	EASTERN PACIFIC	97 28
EASTERN WORLD	2	EATON GLORIA	88 94	EDITA	4
EDWARD RUTLEDGE	185	EGYPTIAN SUDAN	64 99	EDWARD RUTLEDGE	65 85
EMPIRE STATE	8 10	ENDOFAVOR	8 49	EDWARD LYNES	23 23
ESSO EVERETT	7	ESSO PALM BEACH	31 93	EVER SPRING	19 17
EVERGREEN WAGO-205	1	EXPORT CHALLENGER	15	EXPORT CHAMPION	10 65
EXPORT EVEREST	31 90	EXPORT PATRIOT	33 144	EXPORT BALTIMORE	43 128
EXXON PITTSBURG	3 10	EXXON NEW YORK	20 29	EXPORT BOSTON	10 87
EXXON LXTINGTON	9 27	EXXON NEW ORLEANS	20 27	EXPORT ST. JOHN	6 33
EXXON PHILADELPHIA	21 58	EXXON SAN FRANCISCO	12 17	EXXON NEW YORK	44 77
FALSTYRA	51 111	FESTIVALE	15	EXXON WASHINGTON	20 49
FRANCIS SINCERE NO 6	6	FREDERICK LYNES	6	EXFIREBIRD WLB 393	17
GALLIVAN WHEC 723	21 37	GIGANTIC	1 9	EXPEDITION	46 112
GALVESTON	39 138	GAMA GETAH	7 33	EXPRESSOR	15 43
GENEVIEVE LYNES	17	GEORGE A. SLOAN	76 112	EVERY VALOR	2 37
GERONIMO	7	GLACIER BAY	23 21	EXPORT COMMERCE	17 39
GIL LUCKY	6 68	GLACIER LAKA	8 11	EXXON BOSTON ROUSE	8 28
GOWA	18 59	GREEN LAND	8 11	EXXON BOSTON STONE	6 33
GREEN FOREST	34	GREEN FLOWARD	67 72	EXXON NORTH SLOPE	38 19
GUADALUPE I	24 125	GULF BANNER	7	EXXON NORTH SLOPE	78 10
H. L. WHITE	18 109	GULF CARRIER	19 24	FAIRWEATHER	36 57
HARRANGER	19 20	HARKNESS TAGS 32	23	FAIRWEATHER	135 234
HERBERT C. JACKSON	79 154	HESS VOYAGER	29	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
HOGES CLIPPER	30 74	HOGES CLIPPER	11 50	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
HOGES CAINH	19 109	HOGES SUM	27	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
HOGES CANDIA	39 28	HOGEL LYNES	33	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
INACHUS STAR	42	IMPER	54 206	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
IRVING MIAMI	2	ITALICA	26 36	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
J. L. RUMTHE	138	JALAHOKAMBI	1	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
JAMES AMBROSE	76 57	JANET APOLLO	58 41	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
JOHN G. MUNSON	68	JANIE LYNES	19 14	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
KAUAI	65 209	KEIYO	8 20	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
KEYSTONE CANYON	10 35	KEYSTONER	42 113	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
KOREAN CONQUEROR	101 164	KOBAN FIR	9	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
KOREAN MAERSK ONE	101 164	KOBAN FIR	9	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
LA SH ATLANTICO	19 64	LASH ITALIA	2 33	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
LAURAN	35	LEDA MAERSK	70 203	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
LEXA MAERSK	59 112	LEIDA MAERSK	38 85	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
LYNCH T-AGOR 7	78 125	LEILA STAR	18 11	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MAIN EXPRESS	70 165	MALAYAN KING	39	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MARILANT	56 118	MARATHA SHOGUN	18 11	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MARITA TOPIC	19 38	MARINE CHEMICAL TRANSP	5 1	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MATSON	18	PAULI	83 198	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MAYO LYNES	48 78	RAYON	3 31	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MELVIN H. BAKER	101	MEONIA	50 75	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MIDWAY WHEC 726	49 54	MILLER FREEMAN	188 181	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MIND STAR	44	MILLER FREEMAN	188 181	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MOBIL ATB	14 28	MOSCIL ARCTIC	56 167	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MOBIL DIL	52 99	MOKU PANU	67 102	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MORACAPACO	29 138	MORACALYX	39 115	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MORACAPACO	38 121	MORACHELL	74 111	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
MORACAPACO	10 29	NEPTUNE CRYSTAL	65 111	FAIRWEATHER	24 76
NEPTUNE PEARL	73 175	NEW INDEPENDENCE	49 45	NEW JERSEY SUN	27 70
NOAA SHIP FERREL	65	NOONAY	1	NORDIC PRINCE	29 70
NORTHERN LIGHT	23	NORTHWIND WAB 282	137 150	NORWAY	6
OCEAN STAR	51	OFFSHORE	137 172	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
ODGEN THAMES	19	OJI GLORIA	14	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
ORCO TRADER	83 251	ORE SATURN	1	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
ORIENTAL SOVEREIGN	33 76	ORITNTAL TAILO	38	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
OVERSEAS CHICAGO	23 39	OVERSEAS JUNEAU	10 17	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
OVERSEAS OHIO	17 37	PACHARON	15 43	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
PACIFIC	38	PACIFICPER	26	OAKLAND PILOT	58 159
PACIFIC SAGA	46	PACIFIC SUNSHINE	7 12	PACIFIC VENTURE	76 95
PACIFIC ST	17 10	PACMERCHANT	27 12	PACMONARCH	27
PACIFIC ST	22	PACMERCHANT	3 12	PACMONARCH	27
PARALLA	39 45	PASSWISIC AO-107	1 62	PACMONARCH	30
PHILADELPHIA	93 129	PHILIP R. CLARKE	104	PACMONARCH	30
POLYNESIA	77 265	PORLAND	87 114	PACMONARCH	41 171
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	27	PRESIDENT FILLMORE	36 35	PACMONARCH	42 159
PRESIDENT JACKSON	85 98	PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	104 183	PACMONARCH	46 188
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	49 121	PRESIDENT MADISON	77 188	PACMONARCH	51 212

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SHIP NAME	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL
PRESIDENT PIERCE	37	102	PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT	3	PRESIDENT TAFT	31	PRESIDENT TAYLOR	33
PRESIDENT TRUMAN	47	94	PRESIDENT TYLER	50	PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	2	PRESIDENT WASHINGTON	27 .137
PRESIDENT WILSON	48	93	PROTECTOR OF TOKYO	10	PROTECTOR OF THE SOUND	32	PROTECTORA DE EL ORO	3
PUNTA AREVA	41	29	PUNTA MALVINAS	19	QUATSIÑO SOUND	23	QUINTINA	53
RADIANT VENTURE	23	37	RAINIER	2	RALPH B JOHNSON	61	RED ARROW	11 .19
RESEARCHER	46	112	ROBINSON	24	ROBERT D CONRAD	30	ROBERT E LEE	15 .87
ROSE	10	75	ROYAL WING STAR	1	ROTH KRIES	20	S P LEE	32
S.S. LHD TAURUS	10	346	S.S. NEW MERIDIAN	30	S-S PONCE	4	S SATION BOSTON	81 .147
S/S MOBILE	1		SAIN LOUIS	23	SALVADOR	12	SAR HOUSTON	15 .30
SANDA	68	142	SAMUEL S	37	SAN JUAN	63	SAN MARCOS	38 .146
SAN PEDRO	1		SANNO MAPLE	8	SANSINENA II	12	SANTA CLARA	40 .68
SANTA CLARA	12	20	SANTA LUCIA	2	SANTA ISABEL	19	SANTA ISABEL	12
SANTA JUANA	30	55	SANTA LUCIA	23	SANTA MAGDALENA	34	SANTA MARIA	29 .156
SANTA MARTANA	31	26	SAPPHIRE	14	SARSGOHA	39	SAUDI MAAKH	51
SAUDI RYAH	19	33	SCILLA	5	SSEA FAN	152	SEA QUEEN NO 1	70 .111
SEALAND ADVENTURER	66	127	SEALAND CONSUMER	36	SEALAND DEFENDER	77	SEALAND DEVELOPER	61 .124
SEALAND ECONOMY	37	125	SEALAND ENDURANCE	64	SEALAND EXPRESS	19	SEALAND LEADER	23 .155
SEALAND INDEPENDENCE	54	143	SEALAND INNOVATOR	65	SEALAND LEADER	27	SEALAND LIBERATOR	23 .132
SEALAND PACER	35	84	SEALAND PATRIOT	78	SEALAND PIONEER	34	SEALAND PRODUCER	38 .121
SEALAND VENTURE	50	147	SEALAND VOYAGER	62	SEALIFT ANTARCTIC	35	SEALIFT MEDITERRANEAN	60 .130
SEAPAC WASHINGTON	13	16	SEASIDE	9	SEANOR	27	SEALIFT SEASIDE	13
SEASIDE LA	1		SEAWHIN WHEC 720	5	SILAS BENT T-805 26	37	SEASIDE LYKES	25
SHOSHONE T-AG 151	21	40	SIEVA	81	SILAS BENT T-805 26	36	SIMBA	18 .48
SINALOA	37	50	SKAURAN	76	SKOUBORG	82	SOCONY VACUUM	18 .25
SOMIO INTERIO	17	87	SOLON TURMAN	12	SOUTH LIGHT	33	SOUTHERN CROSS	38 .65
SOUTHERN CAPE	12		SOPHIE'S VENTURE	49	SOUTHERN POINT	132	STAR CARRIER	17 .26
STAR DICEPE	68		STAR ENTERPRISE	17	STAR MALAYSIA	30	STAR THAILAND	20 .116
STEADFAST WMEC 623	4		STELLA LYKES	30	STONEWALL JACKSON	10	STORIS WMEC 38	3 .46
STREAM DOLPHIN	38	40	STREAM HAWSER	8	SUGAR ISLANDER	42	SUM VIKING	38 .39
SUNSHINE DIXIE	158	74	SUPER WLB 406	9	SUNDERLAND	133	SUPERWINDA	15
SWEETWATER WLB 405	20		T F L INDEPENDENCE	69	T F L LIBERTY	55	TAKIRANA	2 .1
TAI CORN	19		TENCHANK	97	TEXACO GEORGIA	22	TEXACO GHENT	64
TEXACO RHODE ISLAND	5	43	TEXAS CLIPPER	21	TEXAS TRADER	85	TFL DEMOCRACY	36 .24
TFL ENTERPRISE	21	113	TFL EXPRESS	38	TFL FRANKLIN	15	TFL FREEDOM	37 .147
TFL PERSON	14	20	THOMAS THOMPSON	16	THOMAS LYKES	44	THOMAS MASS	17 .26
TILLIE LYKES	50	202	TONCI TOPIC	9	TONSONIA	5	TOWER BRIDGE	82
TOWNSEND CROMWELL	218	273	TRANSOLUMBIA	8	TUSTUMENA	1	TYSON LYKES	60 .177
UNIVERSE	84		USCGC IRONWOOD WLB 297	13	USCGC LIPAN	58	USCG RESOLUTE WMEC 62	47
ULCER VIGOROUS	2		USNS NORTH STAR III	5	USNS APACHE	12	USNS BARTLETT	18 .71
USNS COBET TAKR 7	53	122	USNS PEGASUS	26	USNS IRONWOOD 87-80-1431	33	USNS MATAUCH TAO-108	208
USNS RIGEL TAFSB	124		USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC	43	USNS TRUCKEE TAO-147	17	VALLEY FORGE	41 .37
VAN CONQUEROR	83	135	VAN HAWK	44	VELMA LYKES	42	VERMA	1
VENTUROUS WPR 625	1		VIOLET	19	WALCHAND	3	WALTER A. STERLING	45
WALSH POLICE	30	185	WALSHINGTON TRADER	14	WALSHINGTON	22	WEATHERLY	50
WESTWARD	30		WESTWARD VENTURE	76	WHITING	18	WILLIAM A. ROESCH	109
WILLIAM E MUSSMAN	8	45	WILLIAM HOOPER	21	WINTER STAR	43	WOODRUSH WLB 807	12
WORLD CANDOUR	19	18	WORTH	71	YOCONA WMEC 166	3	YOUNG SEAGULL	50 .44
YUKON T-AG 152	59	84	ZEPHUNTER	55	ZIM HONGKONG	29	ZOELLA LYKES	9

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WE OF NOAA ARE MAKING USE OF THIS SMALL AMOUNT OF SPACE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO ALL THE SHIPS' OFFICERS WHO ROUTINELY TAKE SHIPBOARD WEATHER OBSERVATIONS. TO US, THESE EXCELLENT OBSERVATIONS ARE PRICELESS. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM REGULARLY.

U.S. NDBC Climatological Data

JULY 1983		MAX HEIGHTS (IN FEET)							FREQUENCY OF MAX HEIGHTS (10)									
BUOY	LAT	LONG	GB5	1	MAX	LT	DT	HR	1	REAN	41N	1-5.5N	2-2.5N	3-3.5N	4-5.5N	5-7.5N	6-9.5N	7-9.5N
41001	30°31'	072°29'	1	2	1	22	10	1	1-2	9.5	78.8	10.2	1.3					
41021	32°33'	075°32'	161	1	1	05	23	1	1-6	3.7	94.2	1						
41031	33°30'	075°30'	78.2	1	1	05	23	1	1-6	3.7	94.2	1						
42001	25°33'	069°57'	59.6	1	1	05	17	02	1-6	6.6	66.6	33.1	13.7					
42001	25°34'	069°55'	73.9	2	1	15	16	1	1-6	6.6	66.6	47.9	3.6					
42001	25°35'	069°53'	59.6	2	1	15	16	1	1-6	6.6	66.6	47.9	3.6					
42071	31°34'	068°44'	35.0	1	1	21	29	18	1-6	72.5	27.1	1						
42091	29°33'	067°54'	68.9	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°34'	067°53'	68.9	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°35'	067°52'	68.9	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°36'	067°50'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°37'	067°48'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°38'	067°46'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°39'	067°44'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°40'	067°42'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°41'	067°40'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°42'	067°38'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°43'	067°36'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°44'	067°34'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°45'	067°32'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°46'	067°30'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°47'	067°28'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°48'	067°26'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°49'	067°24'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°50'	067°22'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°51'	067°20'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°52'	067°18'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°53'	067°16'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°54'	067°14'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°55'	067°12'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°56'	067°10'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°57'	067°08'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°58'	067°06'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	29°59'	067°04'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°00'	067°02'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°01'	067°00'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°02'	066°58'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°03'	066°56'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°04'	066°54'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°05'	066°52'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°06'	066°50'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°07'	066°48'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°08'	066°46'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°09'	066°44'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°10'	066°42'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°11'	066°40'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°12'	066°38'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°13'	066°36'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°14'	066°34'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°15'	066°32'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°16'	066°30'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°17'	066°28'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°18'	066°26'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°19'	066°24'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°20'	066°22'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°21'	066°20'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°22'	066°18'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°23'	066°16'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°24'	066°14'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°25'	066°12'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°26'	066°10'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°27'	066°08'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°28'	066°06'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°29'	066°04'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°30'	066°02'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°31'	065°58'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°32'	065°56'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°33'	065°54'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°34'	065°52'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°35'	065°50'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°36'	065°48'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°37'	065°46'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°38'	065°44'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°39'	065°42'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°40'	065°40'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°41'	065°38'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°42'	065°36'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°43'	065°34'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°44'	065°32'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°45'	065°30'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°46'	065°28'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°47'	065°26'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°48'	065°24'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°49'	065°22'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°50'	065°20'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°51'	065°18'	78.2	1	2	15	29	16	1-6	71.9	1	27.1	1	0.6				
42091	30°52'																	

AUGUST 1983	AIR TEMPERATURE (DEG C)												SEA TEMPERATURE (DEG C)												AIR-SEA TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE (DEG C)																																																																																																									
LONG	LAT	000	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400	2500	2600	2700	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200	3300	3400	3500	3600	3700	3800	3900	4000	4100	4200	4300	4400	4500	4600	4700	4800	4900	5000	5100	5200	5300	5400	5500	5600	5700	5800	5900	6000	6100	6200	6300	6400	6500	6600	6700	6800	6900	7000	7100	7200	7300	7400	7500	7600	7700	7800	7900	8000	8100	8200	8300	8400	8500	8600	8700	8800	8900	9000	9100	9200	9300	9400	9500	9600	9700	9800	9900	10000																												
100.00	10.00	76.2	76.1	76.0	75.9	75.8	75.7	75.6	75.5	75.4	75.3	75.2	75.1	75.0	74.9	74.8	74.7	74.6	74.5	74.4	74.3	74.2	74.1	74.0	73.9	73.8	73.7	73.6	73.5	73.4	73.3	73.2	73.1	73.0	72.9	72.8	72.7	72.6	72.5	72.4	72.3	72.2	72.1	72.0	71.9	71.8	71.7	71.6	71.5	71.4	71.3	71.2	71.1	71.0	70.9	70.8	70.7	70.6	70.5	70.4	70.3	70.2	70.1	70.0	69.9	69.8	69.7	69.6	69.5	69.4	69.3	69.2	69.1	69.0	68.9	68.8	68.7	68.6	68.5	68.4	68.3	68.2	68.1	68.0	67.9	67.8	67.7	67.6	67.5	67.4	67.3	67.2	67.1	67.0	66.9	66.8	66.7	66.6	66.5	66.4	66.3	66.2	66.1	66.0	65.9	65.8	65.7	65.6	65.5	65.4	65.3	65.2	65.1	65.0	64.9	64.8	64.7	64.6	64.5	64.4	64.3	64.2	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.8	63.7	63.6	63.5	63.4

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TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND SPEEDS (ft)

STATION	LAT	LONG	CALM	CART	10-10FT	11-11FT	12-12FT	13-13FT	14-14FT	15-15FT	16-16FT	17-17FT	18-18FT	19-19FT	20-20FT	21-21FT	22-22FT	23-23FT	24-24FT	25-25FT	26-26FT	27-27FT	28-28FT	29-29FT	30-30FT	31-31FT	32-32FT	33-33FT	34-34FT	35-35FT	36-36FT	37-37FT	38-38FT	39-39FT	40-40FT	41-41FT	42-42FT	43-43FT	44-44FT	45-45FT	46-46FT	47-47FT	48-48FT	49-49FT	50-50FT	51-51FT	52-52FT	53-53FT	54-54FT	55-55FT	56-56FT	57-57FT	58-58FT	59-59FT	60-60FT	61-61FT	62-62FT	63-63FT	64-64FT	65-65FT	66-66FT	67-67FT	68-68FT	69-69FT	70-70FT	71-71FT	72-72FT	73-73FT	74-74FT	75-75FT	76-76FT	77-77FT	78-78FT	79-79FT	80-80FT	81-81FT	82-82FT	83-83FT	84-84FT	85-85FT	86-86FT	87-87FT	88-88FT	89-89FT	90-90FT	91-91FT	92-92FT	93-93FT	94-94FT	95-95FT	96-96FT	97-97FT	98-98FT	99-99FT	100-100FT	101-101FT	102-102FT	103-103FT	104-104FT	105-105FT	106-106FT	107-107FT	108-108FT	109-109FT	110-110FT	111-111FT	112-112FT	113-113FT	114-114FT	115-115FT	116-116FT	117-117FT	118-118FT	119-119FT	120-120FT	121-121FT	122-122FT	123-123FT	124-124FT	125-125FT	126-126FT	127-127FT	128-128FT	129-129FT	130-130FT	131-131FT	132-132FT	133-133FT	134-134FT	135-135FT	136-136FT	137-137FT	138-138FT	139-139FT	140-140FT	141-141FT	142-142FT	143-143FT	144-144FT	145-145FT	146-146FT	147-147FT	148-148FT	149-149FT	150-150FT	151-151FT	152-152FT	153-153FT	154-154FT	155-155FT	156-156FT	157-157FT	158-158FT	159-159FT	160-160FT	161-161FT	162-162FT	163-163FT	164-164FT	165-165FT	166-166FT	167-167FT	168-168FT	169-169FT	170-170FT	171-171FT	172-172FT	173-173FT	174-174FT	175-175FT	176-176FT	177-177FT	178-178FT	179-179FT	180-180FT	181-181FT	182-182FT	183-183FT	184-184FT	185-185FT	186-186FT	187-187FT	188-188FT	189-189FT	190-190FT	191-191FT	192-192FT	193-193FT	194-194FT	195-195FT	196-196FT	197-197FT	198-198FT	199-199FT	200-200FT	201-201FT	202-202FT	203-203FT	204-204FT	205-205FT	206-206FT	207-207FT	208-208FT	209-209FT	210-210FT	211-211FT	212-212FT	213-213FT	214-214FT	215-215FT	216-216FT	217-217FT	218-218FT	219-219FT	220-220FT	221-221FT	222-222FT	223-223FT	224-224FT	225-225FT	226-226FT	227-227FT	228-228FT	229-229FT	230-230FT	231-231FT	232-232FT	233-233FT	234-234FT	235-235FT	236-236FT	237-237FT	238-238FT	239-239FT	240-240FT	241-241FT	242-242FT	243-243FT	244-244FT	245-245FT	246-246FT	247-247FT	248-248FT	249-249FT	250-250FT	251-251FT	252-252FT	253-253FT	254-254FT	255-255FT	256-256FT	257-257FT	258-258FT	259-259FT	260-260FT	261-261FT	262-262FT	263-263FT	264-264FT	265-265FT	266-266FT	267-267FT	268-268FT	269-269FT	270-270FT	271-271FT	272-272FT	273-273FT	274-274FT	275-275FT	276-276FT	277-277FT	278-278FT	279-279FT	280-280FT	281-281FT	282-282FT	283-283FT	284-284FT	285-285FT	286-286FT	287-287FT	288-288FT	289-289FT	290-290FT	291-291FT	292-292FT	293-293FT	294-294FT	295-295FT	296-296FT	297-297FT	298-298FT	299-299FT	300-300FT	301-301FT	302-302FT	303-303FT	304-304FT	305-305FT	306-306FT	307-307FT	308-308FT	309-309FT	310-310FT	311-311FT	312-312FT	313-313FT	314-314FT	315-315FT	316-316FT	317-317FT	318-318FT	319-319FT	320-320FT	321-321FT	322-322FT	323-323FT	324-324FT	325-325FT	326-326FT	327-327FT	328-328FT	329-329FT	330-330FT	331-331FT	332-332FT	333-333FT	334-334FT	335-335FT	336-336FT	337-337FT	338-338FT	339-339FT	340-340FT	341-341FT	342-342FT	343-343FT	344-344FT	345-345FT	346-346FT	347-347FT	348-348FT	349-349FT	350-350FT	351-351FT	352-352FT	353-353FT	354-354FT	355-355FT	356-356FT	357-357FT	358-358FT	359-359FT	360-360FT	361-361FT	362-362FT	363-363FT	364-364FT	365-365FT	366-366FT	367-367FT	368-368FT	369-369FT	370-370FT	371-371FT	372-372FT	373-373FT	374-374FT	375-375FT	376-376FT	377-377FT	378-378FT	379-379FT	380-380FT	381-381FT	382-382FT	383-383FT	384-384FT	385-385FT	386-386FT	387-387FT	388-388FT	389-389FT	390-390FT	391-391FT	392-392FT	393-393FT	394-394FT	395-395FT	396-396FT	397-397FT	398-398FT	399-399FT	400-400FT	401-401FT	402-402FT	403-403FT	404-404FT	405-405FT	406-406FT	407-407FT	408-408FT	409-409FT	410-410FT	411-411FT	412-412FT	413-413FT	414-414FT	415-415FT	416-416FT	417-417FT	418-418FT	419-419FT	420-420FT	421-421FT	422-422FT	423-423FT	424-424FT	425-425FT	426-426FT	427-427FT	428-428FT	429-429FT	430-430FT	431-431FT	432-432FT	433-433FT	434-434FT	435-435FT	436-436FT	437-437FT	438-438FT	439-439FT	440-440FT	441-441FT	442-442FT	443-443FT	444-444FT	445-445FT	446-446FT	447-447FT	448-448FT	449-449FT	450-450FT	451-451FT	452-452FT	453-453FT	454-454FT	455-455FT	456-456FT	457-457FT	458-458FT	459-459FT	460-460FT	461-461FT	462-462FT	463-463FT	464-464FT	465-465FT	466-466FT	467-467FT	468-468FT	469-469FT	470-470FT	471-471FT	472-472FT	473-473FT	474-474FT	475-475FT	476-476FT	477-477FT	478-478FT	479-479FT	480-480FT	481-481FT	482-482FT	483-483FT	484-484FT	485-485FT	486-486FT	487-487FT	488-488FT	489-489FT	490-490FT	491-491FT	492-492FT	493-493FT	494-494FT	495-495FT	496-496FT	497-497FT	498-498FT	499-499FT	500-500FT	501-501FT	502-502FT	503-503FT	504-504FT	505-505FT	506-506FT	507-507FT	508-508FT	509-509FT	510-510FT	511-511FT	512-512FT	513-513FT	514-514FT	515-515FT	516-516FT	517-517FT	518-518FT	519-519FT	520-520FT	521-521FT	522-522FT	523-523FT	524-524FT	525-525FT	526-526FT	527-527FT	528-528FT	529-529FT	530-530FT	531-531FT	532-532FT	533-533FT	534-534FT	535-535FT	536-536FT	537-537FT	538-538FT	539-539FT	540-540FT	541-541FT	542-542FT	543-543FT	544-544FT	545-545FT	546-546FT	547-547FT	548-548FT	549-549FT	550-550FT	551-551FT	552-552FT	553-553FT	554-554FT	555-555FT	556-556FT	557-557FT	558-558FT	559-559FT	560-560FT	561-561FT	562-562FT	563-563FT	564-564FT	565-565FT	566-566FT	567-567FT	568-568FT	569-569FT	570-570FT	571-571FT	572-572FT	573-573FT	574-574FT	575-575FT	576-576FT	577-577FT	578-578FT	579-579FT	580-580FT	581-581FT	582-582FT	583-583FT	584-584FT	585-585FT	586-586FT	587-587FT	588-588FT	589-589FT	590-590FT	591-591FT	592-592FT	593-593FT	594-594FT	595-595FT	596-596FT	597-597FT	598-598FT	599-599FT	600-600FT	601-601FT	602-602FT	603-603FT	604-604FT	605-605FT	606-606FT	607-607FT	608-608FT	609-609FT	610-610FT	611-611FT	612-612FT	613-613FT	614-614FT	615-615FT	616-616FT	617-617FT	618-618FT	619-619FT	620-620FT	621-621FT	622-622FT	623-623FT	624-624FT	625-625FT	626-626FT	627-627FT	628-628FT	629-629FT	630-630FT	631-631FT	632-632FT	633-633FT	634-634FT	635-635FT	636-636FT	637-637FT	638-638FT	639-639FT	640-640FT	641-641FT	642-642FT	643-643FT	644-644FT	645-645FT	646-646FT	647-647FT	648-648FT	649-649FT	650-650FT	651-651FT	652-652FT	653-653FT	654-654FT	655-655FT	656-656FT	657-657FT	658-658FT	659-659FT	660-660FT	661-661FT	662-662FT	663-663FT	664-664FT	665-665FT	666-666FT	667-667FT	668-668FT	669-669FT	670-670FT	671-671FT	672-672FT	673-673FT	674-674FT	675-675FT	676-676FT	677-677FT	678-678FT	679-679FT	680-680FT	681-681FT	682-682FT	683-683FT	684-684FT	685-685FT	686-686FT	687-687FT	688-688FT	689-689FT	690-690FT	691-691FT	692-692FT	693-693FT	694-694FT	695-695FT	696-696FT	697-697FT	698-698FT	699-699FT	700-700FT	701-701FT	702-702FT	703-703FT	704-704FT	705-705FT	706-706FT	707-707FT	708-708FT	709-709FT	710-710FT	711-711FT	712-712FT	713-713FT	714-714FT	715-715FT	716-716FT	717-717FT	718-718FT	719-719FT	720-720FT	721-721FT	722-722FT	723-723FT	724-724FT	725-725FT	726-726FT	727-727FT	728-728FT	729-729FT	730-730FT	731-731FT	732-732FT	733-733FT	734-734FT	735-735FT	736-736FT	737-737FT	738-738FT	739-739FT	740-740FT	741-741FT	742-742FT	743-743FT	744-744FT	745-745FT	746-746FT	747-747FT	748-748FT	749-749FT	750-750FT	751-751FT	752-752FT	753-753FT	754-754FT	755-755FT	756-756FT	757-757FT	758-758FT	759-759FT	760-760FT	761-761FT	762-762FT	763-763FT	764-764FT	765-765FT	766-766FT	767-767FT	768-768FT	769-769FT	770-770FT	771-771FT	772-772FT	773-773FT	774-774FT	775-775FT	776-776FT	777-777FT	778-778FT	779-779FT	780-780FT	781-781FT	782-782FT	783-783FT	784-784FT	78

SEPTEMBER 1983		AIR TEMPERATURE (DEG C)						SEA TEMPERATURE (DEG C)						AIR-SEA TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE (DEG C)													
STATION	LAT	LONG	DRY	WET	MIN	MAX	DRY	WET	MIN	MAX	DRY	WET	DRY	WET	MIN	MAX	DRY	WET	MIN	MAX	DRY	WET					
410011	34.9N	072.9E	716	30	20.6	10.8	19.5	6.2	20.5	25.1	720	30	29.5	21.0	24.5	21.0	03.1	26.1	720	30	02.6	01.0	16.1	01.5			
410021	32.3N	075.7E	716	30	29.4	11.7	22.2	0.2	20.9	11.3	715	30	30.3	31.0	19.9	21.7	10.1	28.6	716	30	00.4	01.0	22.0	0.1			
410021	32.3N	075.7E	716	30	29.4	11.7	22.2	0.2	20.9	11.3	715	30	30.3	31.0	19.9	21.7	10.1	28.6	716	30	00.4	01.0	22.0	0.1			
410021	25.5N	087.8E	715	30	21.1	10.1	16.1	2.4	20.8	23.1	710	30	28.1	21.0	26.8	21.0	03.0	28.0	716	30	00.5	01.0	23.7	0.1			
410021	26.0N	089.3E	713	30	30.5	10.6	21.7	7.2	21.3	21.1	710	30	31.5	31.8	20.9	23.2	1.3	29.1	713	30	00.5	01.0	18.1	0.1			
410021	30.3N	089.6E	693	30	29.1	10.1	20.1	0.1	20.7	21.1	699	30	20.1	21.0	21.8	21.9	1.1	29.1	700	30	00.4	01.0	22.0	0.1			
410021	26.7N	095.5E	176	08	29.5	11.7	22.7	2.3	21.2	22.3	161	24.0	26.1	715	30	30.5	31.0	21.9	24.2	1.1	28.1	808	08	00.6	01.0	12.7	0.1
410021	26.7N	095.5E	676	30	31.1	10.1	22.3	2.1	21.1	21.1	717	30	30.6	31.0	21.8	24.1	1.1	28.1	808	08	00.6	01.0	12.7	0.1			
410021	26.7N	095.5E	676	30	31.1	10.1	22.3	2.1	21.1	21.1	717	30	30.6	31.0	21.8	24.1	1.1	28.1	808	08	00.6	01.0	12.7	0.1			
410031	40.6N	066.7E	716	30	21.3	10.7	15.1	0.2	16.1	21.1	715	30	16.3	10.7	12.1	12.1	0.6	14.1	717	30	00.6	01.0	21.1	0.2			
410031	39.5N	070.0E	714	30	27.4	11.6	19.1	1.2	17.1	23.1	710	30	28.8	10.9	26.4	21.9	2.3	16.1	714	30	00.5	01.0	15.1	0.1			
410031	39.5N	070.0E	714	30	27.4	11.6	19.1	1.2	17.1	23.1	710	30	28.8	10.9	26.4	21.9	2.3	16.1	714	30	00.5	01.0	15.1	0.1			
410071	63.5N	070.1E	713	30	27.5	11.1	20.1	0.2	16.1	5.7	578	30	16.7	10.6	13.3	11.3	0.1	13.3	718	30	00.5	01.0	21.0	0.1			
410081	60.5N	067.9E	711	30	22.9	10.7	20.9	1.5	15.2	19.1	601	30	23.0	11.2	13.8	10.9	1.1	16.1	712	30	00.7	01.0	01.5	0.1			
410081	60.5N	067.9E	625	26	21.7	10.5	21.7	0.1	16.2	13.1	601	30	22.0	10.1	16.9	13.0	1.1	17.1	713	26	00.5	01.0	21.0	0.1			
410091	63.5N	068.2E	720	30	23.6	10.5	20.3	1.2	16.1	12.1	720	30	21.1	9.1	13.6	12.1	0.1	13.6	720	30	00.5	01.0	18.1	0.1			
410091	63.5N	068.2E	720	30	23.6	10.5	20.3	1.2	16.1	12.1	720	30	21.1	9.1	13.6	12.1	0.1	13.6	720	30	00.5	01.0	18.1	0.1			
410101	53.5N	068.7E	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	0.1	14.1	12.1	717	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	14.1	718	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410101	53.5N	068.7E	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	0.1	14.1	12.1	717	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	14.1	718	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410111	51.5N	069.5E	719	30	14.1	11.1	10.9	0.1	12.1	11.1	720	30	13.1	10.1	11.9	11.1	0.1	11.9	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410111	51.5N	069.5E	719	30	14.1	11.1	10.9	0.1	12.1	11.1	720	30	13.1	10.1	11.9	11.1	0.1	11.9	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410121	50.5N	069.7E	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	0.1	14.1	12.1	717	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	14.1	718	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410121	50.5N	069.7E	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	0.1	14.1	12.1	717	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	14.1	718	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410131	37.4N	072.7E	718	30	21.9	11.2	13.1	0.1	15.1	11.1	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	15.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410131	37.4N	072.7E	718	30	21.9	11.2	13.1	0.1	15.1	11.1	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	15.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410141	32.8N	073.0E	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410141	32.8N	073.0E	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410151	31.3N	073.0E	728	08	0.6	12.1	0.0	11.2	12.2	0.7	718	08	0.6	12.1	0.0	11.2	12.2	0.7	718	08	0.6	12.1	0.0				
410151	31.3N	073.0E	728	08	0.6	12.1	0.0	11.2	12.2	0.7	718	08	0.6	12.1	0.0	11.2	12.2	0.7	718	08	0.6	12.1	0.0				
410161	60.3N	073.0E	718	30	09.1	10.6	10.1	0.1	10.1	21.2	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	15.4	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410171	60.3N	073.0E	718	30	09.1	10.6	10.1	0.1	10.1	21.2	718	30	19.5	11.1	15.4	12.1	0.1	15.4	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410181	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410181	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410191	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410201	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410211	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410221	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410231	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410241	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410251	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410261	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410271	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410281	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410291	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410301	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410311	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410321	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410331	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410341	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410351	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410361	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0	13.1	0.1			
410371	53.4N	073.0E	718	30	21.0	11.1	10.1	0.1	18.1	11.1	718	30	20.5	11.1	10.1	11.1	0.1	18.1	719	30	00.5	01.0					



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Basic information about winds, waves, and air and water temperatures can make fishing, boating, sailing, swimming, and sunbathing safer and more enjoyable. As a service to the marine sports enthusiast and the vacation traveler, the National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC) and the Sea Grant Programs in various states are jointly producing a series of coastal recreation brochures that present marine environmental data in a useful format. In addition to easy-to-read tables that summarize data on marine climate throughout the year, these handy brochures contain information on sportfish species, historical sites, tourist attractions, weather hazards, and safety precautions. Each brochure is tailored to its area and designed to help both local residents and visitors make the most of their time at the seashore.

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Examples of the type of information contained in the Coastal Recreation Brochures from the "Recreation and Climate Guide for Coastal Mississippi."

FISHING WEATHER

	COASTAL				OFFSHORE				Temp. (F°) Average Max/min ⁰ sea temp.	
	Average Number of Days			Temp. (F°) Max/min ⁰	% of Days					
	Sun +	Rain ‡	Thunder		Sun +	Rain ‡	Thunder	Fog ‡		
January	14	8	2	60/45	33	4	*	5	67/50 64	
February	15	8	2	64/48	37	8	1	1	66/51 63	
March	16	7	5	68/53	42	6	1	5	68/56 65	
April	19	7	4	76/61	41	5	1	1	74/63 70	
May	22	7	6	*	83/68	41	5	2	*	
June	22	8	10	*	88/74	34	5	4	*	
July	20	10	15	*	90/75	25	9	4	*	
August	22	9	14	1	90/75	29	5	4	*	
September	21	9	7	1	86/71	35	7	2	*	
October	23	5	2	2	79/61	50	4	1	*	
November	19	5	2	4	69/51	48	3	*	*	
December	16	9	2	6	62/45	38	7	*	1	
									68/52 69	

*less than 0.5%

†sky less than 3/8 covered

‡days with 0.1 in or more

‡visibility 1/2 mile or less

0max/min temp offshore are 75th and 25th percentiles

BEACH DAYS



	Biloxi	Mobile	New Orleans	Pensacola
January	0	0	*	0
February	0	*	1	0
March	*	2	3	*
April	7	11	12	4
May	23	23	23	20
June	29	27	28	27
July	29	29	29	29
August	28	29	29	28
September	24	24	25	25
October	12	14	14	14
November	1	2	3	2
December	0	*	*	0

*less than 0.5 days

A day is considered a good beach day if (using the 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. observations):

- temperatures reach 80°F. or more at least once.
- rain occurs no more than once.
- visibility is above 2 1/2 miles at least once.
- cloudy skies (9/10 or overcast with ceilings of 20,000 feet or less) do not occur more than twice.

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